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**OF THE**

**BOARD OF ESTIMATE**

**AND**

**APPORTIONMENT**

**OF THE**

**CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.**

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the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, January 15, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated January 14, 1878.

SMITH ELY, Jr.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK--FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
January 14, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr.,  
*Mayor :*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$50,000 "New York County Court House Stock, No. 5," \$68,000 "Croton Water Main Stock," and \$25,000 "Additional Croton Water Stock," and for the transaction of any business that may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,  
JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED:

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us, this 14th day of January, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor :*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller :*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen ;*  
JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of*  
*Taxes and Assessments.*



And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Additional Croton Water Stock," as authorized by chapters 56 and 328, Laws of 1871, to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, on account of requisition of the Department of Public Works, of January 10, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Croton Water-main Stock," as authorized by Chapter 447, Laws of 1875, to the amount of sixty-eight thousand dollars, in full of requisition of the Department of Public Works, of August 15, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution :



fifty thousand dollars, in full of requisitions of June 11, 1877, and November 21, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the  
President of the Board of Aldermen—3.*

*Negative—The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—1.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of sixteen thousand four hundred and thirty-two dollars and twenty-eight cents, be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation entitled, "Cleaning Streets under Police Department," for 1875, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations for 1877, which are insufficient or required, viz. :*

"New York State Inebriate Asylum" .....	\$477 00
"Jurors' Fees" .....	3,924 00
"Salary of the Physician to the Jail of the City and County of New York, as provided for in the New Code of Civil Procedure". ....	55 00
"Coroners' Fees" .....	2,878 00
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"Sheriff's Fees" .....	8,015 50



*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*



New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Wednesday, January 23, 1878, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated January 23, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
January 22, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor :*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Wednesday, the 23d instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of acting on any business that may be brought before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 23d day of January, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of nine hundred and thirty-four dollars and ninety-three cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund, for the support of forty-eight inmates of the "Home for Fallen and Friendless Girls," from October 1 to December 31, 1877, inclusive, at the rate of \$150 per annum, pursuant to Chapter 868, Laws of 1873.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of seven hundred dollars and seventy-eight cents be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets under Police Department" for 1875, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations for 1877, which are insufficient, viz. :

"Contingencies—Comptroller's Office" .....	\$11 83
"Armories and Drill-rooms—For wages of Armorers. ....	165 00
"Advertising" .....	523 95
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Total .....	\$700 78
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The Secretary presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }  
NEW YORK, January 16, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN WHEELER, *Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment* :

SIR,—The Board of Commissioners governing this Department, at their meeting held this day, adopted the following resolution, viz :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is requested to transfer the sum of two hundred and eighty-four (\$284) dollars from the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places," etc., 1874, for the purposes of which it is not required, to the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places," etc., 1873, which is insufficient.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM IRWIN,  
Secretary Department Public Parks.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
300 MULBERRY STREET, }  
NEW YORK, January 18, 1878. }

*The Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment* :

GENTLEMEN,—The Mayor recently deemed it his duty to prefer charges of official mal-administration and neglect of duty against a majority of the Police Board.

In preparing and presenting their defence they necessarily incurred considerable expense, which, in view of the fact that







of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, February 19, 1878, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated February 18, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
February 18, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, the 19th instant, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$35,000 "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," authorized by chapter 351, Laws of 1875, and acting on such matters as may be brought before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 18th day of February, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



provided for, resolutions were adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, authorizing the Comptroller to issue said stock to the amount of \$165,000.

The contracts made by the Department of Public Parks for this work, and filed in this Department, amount to \$176,561, and bills without contract have also been incurred to the amount of \$15,818.02, making the total expense for work and materials at this date \$192,379.02.

In order to meet these contracts and bills as they fall due, and such other expenses as may be necessary for the same purpose, it will be necessary to issue the balance of said Consolidated Stock, amounting to the sum of \$35,000, and I herewith submit a resolution for that purpose.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by the provisions of Section 112, of Chapter 335, of the Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as authorized by Chapter 351, Laws of 1875, to the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, in full of requisition of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, dated June 2, 1875.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.



as has not been paid for, namely, from January 7 to May 1, 1874, the aggregate compensation shall be four hundred dollars (\$400). The claim for rent amounted to \$1,666.66.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by the provisions of Section 112, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, and payable at a period not to exceed three years from the date thereof, the amount certified and reported by the Commissioners appointed by and under Chapter 429, Laws of 1876, as determined by them, to be paid as compensation for the actual use and occupation of the following premises as an armory and drill-room: Rear portion of the first floor of the building on the east side of the Bowery, known as Nos. 291 and 293 Bowery, also the rear building on the south side of First street, connecting, known as No. 21 First street, from January 7th to May 1st, 1874, four hundred dollars (\$400).

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution :

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :



excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Redemption of the Debt of the annexed territory of Westchester County," for 1878, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The CONTROLLER presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
300 MULBERRY STREET, }  
NEW YORK, January 28, 1878. }

*To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

*Resolved,* That a respectful application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer from the unexpended balance of the Police Fund of 1876 to the account of Police Fund of 1877, of the sum of sixty-six dollars, to enable the Treasurer of Police to pay a judgment recovered by Augustus Miller, a Sergeant of the Police Force, against William F. Smith, DeWitt C. Wheeler, Joel



Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and eighty-four dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets under Police Department" for 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places" for 1873, the same being insufficient.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communications :

*Gentlemen of the Excise Board :*

"The Gilbert Library and Prisoners' Aid Society" was duly incorporated during the past year. We shall seek the necessary



NEW YORK, January 29, 1878.

*To the Honorable the Board of Apportionment :*

The free system for the inspection of weights and measures having been abolished by the Board of Aldermen, the undersigned Inspector of Weights and Measures, would most respectfully request you to fix a salary for such services, and as the faithful performance of the duties of such Inspector requires an assistant, a reasonable compensation for him also.

The requirements of the office are one Inspector for each Inspection District.

Office room in any of the public buildings.

The services of a horse and wagon for carting heavy weights (2,000 lbs.) for at least one month in each year, and oftener if required, in order to test coal, hay and ice scales ; also Weighmaster's beams, stationery, such as bill-books, stating the name and address of each person using scales, weights and measures inspected, said book to be delivered to the Comptroller or such person as you may designate at the end of each month, in case your Honorable Body should intend collecting the fees for such services, and which would more than defray the expenses for the maintenance of said office, and thereby add to the revenues of the City.

Printed notices, intended for persons using scales, weights and measures not conformable to the standard, commanding such persons to send them to the office of the City Sealer of Weights and Measures to be adjusted and sealed as now provided by law.

By giving this your earliest attention you would greatly oblige,

Yours, very respectfully,

THEODORE S. KENT,

*Inspector of Weights and Measures, Second District.*



## WORK-HOUSE.

Bunks.....	1,120
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	914

## LUNATIO ASYLUM.

Intended capacity.....	986
Inmates.....	1,296

## HOMCEOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

Number of beds for patients....	400
Work-house help.....	76
Insane men.....	79
Insane women.....	71
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	626
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	615

## INSANE ASYLUM.

## Main Building—

Intended capacity.....	434
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	576

## Emigration Building, lent for one year—

Capacity.....	300
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	200

## RANDALL'S ISLAND.

South Hospital, boys.....	64
North Hospital, girls.....	58
Idiot Asylum... ..	92
Hopeless idiots, boys.....	25
Hopeless idiots, girls.....	24
Large idiot boys.....	31
Pavilion for sick idiots.....	14
Branch Charity Hospital, men.....	51



the charge of persons who have had little or no experience in dealing with the insane, and the result must be an increase in the number of chronic cases, for many who might recover under more favorable circumstances lose every chance of improvement crowded together as they are. It is to be remembered also that there is year by year a steady increase in the number of insane, and that consequently, the evils will become greater and greater.

Besides the surplus insane there are one hundred and sixty-nine more men in the Penitentiary than there are cells, and there is no room at all in the building for the one hundred and eighty-three women prisoners, who sleep over the work-shops in large open dormitories. In the Alms-house also there were on January 1st, one hundred and sixty-nine more inmates than beds.

Were the extra number of insane provided for as we suggest, all the sick who naturally belong on Blackwell's Island, where they would receive adequate medical attendance, could be returned from Randall's and Hart's Islands, and the latter island used as a branch of the Penitentiary. It is peculiarly fitted for a reformatory for young prisoners, being at a distance from the city and affording facilities for classification and for farm work,

There is indeed the most urgent need of classification throughout the whole Department, but no step forward is possible while the excessive number of insane patients keeps so large a proportion of all the buildings overcrowded. The moment this pressure was removed, great improvement would be possible.

We therefore again urge you to ask at once for a law authorizing the City of New York to buy land for the purpose of establishing an insane asylum outside the city.

January 14th, 1878.

Respectfully,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT,  
JOSEPHINE SHAW LOWELL,

*Commissioners of the State Board of Charities.*



One or two clauses in the agreement being objected to by counsel, some delay occurred, and the matter was finally dropped.

I may say that I am still authorized, on behalf of the private owners, to sell the property designated to the City, either under the act referred to, or otherwise, and I think you will agree, on consulting the map and the location of the lots, that it would be much more advantageous to the City to purchase them than to look elsewhere.

I remain yours,

Very respectfully,

DWIGHT H. OLMSTEAD.

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
OFFICE OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES,  
120 EAST THIRTIETH STREET, January 28, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller, etc.* :

Dear Sir—Mr. Donnelly, Commissioner of the State Board of Charities, writes me that he has talked with you in regard to a plan for improving the condition of the insane in our City asylums, by the purchase of land for a new insane asylum, and that you are convinced that, in the present financial condition of the City, no such plan ought to be approved.

I cannot agree with this view, because I feel sure that, apart from the obligations which the City is under to care for her insane in a humane manner, such a measure as we propose would result in the truest economy. Under the present system acute attacks of insanity in many patients sent to the insane asylums of our City are increased in duration and severity, owing to want of proper care and accommodation, while other cases which, with better management might have been cured, become chronic. This statement I make on the authority of the published report of Dr. Parsons, who, for nine years, was Medical Superintendent of the Asylum on Blackwell's Island.



missed, it is believed should not be borne by the Commissioners personally, and that at a meeting of the Board, on the 15th inst., it was resolved that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide for the payment of the expense incurred by the Police Commissioners, Messrs. Wheeler, Erhardt and Nichols, members of the Board of Police, in defending themselves against said charges, or that the Department be authorized to pay such expenses from the moneys theretofore appropriated to it.

In considering the subject referred to in the communication, I have endeavored to ascertain what the precedents have been. None can be found applicable to precisely the investigation referred to in the communication, because the proceeding is novel. I find, however, a large number of cases in which the Legislature has made appropriations for the purpose of paying the expenses of public officials charged and put upon their defense, where the charges were subsequently dismissed. There are no precedents upon either side, in the case of proceedings before the Mayor, the provision for that investigation having been first introduced into our municipal law by the Charter of 1873. Of such appropriations by the Legislature the following may be referred to :

Laws of 1869, volume 2, page 1928. "Appropriation for the counsel of Robert C. Dorn, in full for services, six thousand dollars ; for expenses for rooms, procuring witnesses, telegraphing and printing, three hundred and ninety-seven dollars and seventy-five cents."

This was the case of the Dorn impeachment.

Laws of 1870, volume 1, page 1095. "Appropriation for Gilbert Robinson, Junior, Edward L. Fursman and Jacob J. Runkle, for their services and expenses as counsel for John Artz, Acting Superintendent of the Poor of Rensselaer County, in the investigation ordered by the Governor, the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be equally divided between them, and to



vestigation before the Committee on State Prisons, of the Senate, of charges made against him in the report of the State Prison Commission, three hundred dollars."

From these citations, covering various classes of investigation, and which are cited as illustrations merely, it appears to have been the policy of the State to treat the legitimate expenses of persons who are charged with some alleged misconduct in office, before the proper tribunal, and who, upon making their defense, are found to have acquitted themselves of the charges, as matters proper to be borne by the public, and in 1874, by chapter 323, page 388, of the Laws of that year, it was provided that "Hereafter, in all proceedings before the Governor, for the removal of any county officer, upon charges preferred against him, all the costs and expenses thereof, including of those of taking and printing the testimony therein, shall be a county charge upon such county, and shall be audited and allowed by the Board of Supervisors of such county, and be included in the assessment roll," etc.

It seems to have been considered that, if the charges brought against the person were well founded, so that they resulted in a conviction, before whatever tribunal the investigation was had, that the responsibility and the burden should be borne by the individual, as they doubtless should, for misconduct in office is a personal and individual offense.

But where the result of the inquiry has shown that the official misconduct did not exist, and that he is innocent of the charges brought against him, it would seem to follow that he had done nothing to justify the imposition of personal burdens upon him.

He has been put to the expense solely by virtue of his holding public office, not by reason of any misconduct therein. This the verdict of the tribunal must be supposed to have settled, so far as the particular charge is concerned, and any legitimate



The charges were against the Police Board, and as the result of the investigation must be held to have shown that there was sufficient doubt with regard to their correctness as to justify the verdict passed upon them by his Honor the Mayor, of not being proven, the department must be credited with an acquittal in the view of the law, and I think that it is within the power of the Board of Apportionment to make the necessary appropriations to pay the legitimate expenses to which the Board was subjected.

I am, gentlemen, yours respectfully,

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY,

*Counsel to the Corporation.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
 300 MULBERRY STREET, }  
 NEW YORK, February 16, 1878. }

*To the Honorable the Board of  
 Estimate and Apportionment :*

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of \$6,000 from the appropriation for Street Cleaning for 1877, which is in excess of the amount required for the objects and purposes thereof, to the appropriations for Contingent Expenses for 1877, as per letter of January 18, 1878.

Very respectfully,

S. C. HAWLEY,

*Chief Clerk.*



about to contract for the removal of a wreck lying on the sand spit in the East river, near Governor's Island, at about \$300 or \$400, and there is probability of other calls within the fiscal year. A vessel has already struck this wreck.

It was the custom under your predecessors in office to have an annual sum in the tax levy for the purpose of removing wrecks, of, say \$5,000, and as prompt action in the removal of obstructions to safe navigation is all important, we would suggest the propriety of asking for such an appropriation for the coming year.

The record of the Board in the use of former appropriations will convince you that it will not call for any part of the money without good cause.

Yours, very respectfully

GEO. W. BLUNT,

*Secretary.*

JOHN KELLY, Esq., *Comptroller.*

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of Police be and they are hereby respectfully requested to re-establish the Sixth Police Precinct and assign to duty therein the requisite Police force, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to provide the means necessary to repair, refit, and refurnish the station-house in Franklin street for the use and occupation of the said Police force by transfer of any available balances of appropriations of former years or otherwise.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 26, 1878.

Approved by the Mayor, February 6, 1878.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY,

*Clerk, Common Council.*



portionment for the expenses of the Children's Fold for the year 1878.

The amount called for was twelve thousand dollars, of which ten thousand four hundred was based upon an estimate of one hundred children to be supported; and sixteen hundred dollars to cover a deficiency in the payment from the City Treasury for 1877. The accounts for the year having been since made up and the last payment received from the City, the deficiency, as will appear by examining the returns from our Treasurer, is thirteen hundred and sixteen dollars and eighty-two cents. The number of children January 1st, 1878, was 81; on December 1, 1877, 80; November 1, October 1 and September 1, each 77.

Owing to the growing destitution which crowds all charitable institutions, the pressure for accommodation is in excess of our room. We have accordingly hired and are fitting up a large house in prospect of being obliged to receive one hundred children. Every care is and will be exercised to exclude all but those in real need.

The act of the Legislature under which we suppose ourselves entitled to apply for this aid is hereto annexed:

CHAP. 506, LAWS NEW YORK, 1874, p. 696.

AN ACT, conferring certain powers on "The Children's Fold" of the City of New York. Passed May 20th, 1874.

SECTION 1. The Trustees of the "Children's Fold" and Orphan Asylum, located in the City of New York, are hereby authorized and empowered to adopt into families any orphan, half-orphan or destitute child who may have been in their care and charge for the space of one year, in case said children be under ten years of age, or six months, in case of children over ten years old.



and Botanical Gardens, and in accordance with the views of the Department have formed themselves into a body corporate for the purpose of creating and maintaining such gardens, and have chosen the undersigned an Executive Committee to carry out their wishes.

We, therefore, herewith respectfully submit a copy of our Charter and By-Laws, and the draft of an act which, passed by the Legislature, will enable the Department to make a contract with the Corporation, upon conditions mentioned in the accompanying "memoranda," and thus render certain the immediate establishment of such gardens and their maintenance upon a liberal scale, and without the incurring of any expense or liability whatever by the Department or by the City.

We desire your cordial endorsement of the plan proposed, and that you join the Department and ourselves in a request to the Honorable the Legislature of the State, that the proposed act be passed without delay, and we wish also for a similar indorsement from the Honorable the Common Council of this City.

Respectfully yours,

ADRIAN FRELING,  
JAMES M. CONSTABLE,  
HUGH AUCHINCLOSS.

**AN ACT** relating to the establishment of Zoological and Botanical Gardens in the City of New York.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

**SECTION 1.** The Department of Public Parks in the City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to allot, set apart and appropriate that portion of the Central Park between the driveway on the westerly side of said park and the Eighth



4. The City is not to be at any expense either for the construction or maintenance of said gardens, except furnishing policemen to preserve order.

5. The City authorities to have the right to investigate the accounts of the corporation.

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

The Secretary presented the following communication :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
36 UNION SQUARE (East), }

NEW YORK, 30th January, 1878.

HON. JOHN WHEELER,

*Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

SIR,—The Board of Commissioners governing this Department adopted the following resolution at their meeting, held this day, viz. :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to transfer the sum of one hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-three cents from the appropriation for “ Surveying, Laying-out, Monumenting, etc., north end of Island and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards,” for 1875, for the purposes of which it is not required, to the appropriation for “ Surveying, Laying-out and Monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including north end of this Island,” for 1877, which is insufficient.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM IRWIN,

*Secretary D. P. P.*







sessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, March 26, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated March 25, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
March 25, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$10,000 "Assessment Bonds," for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, under chapter 447, Laws of 1876, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,  
JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 25th day of March, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue at such time, and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Assessment Bonds," for the sum of ten thousand dollars, in pursuance of Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of chapter 642, Laws of 1874, the sum of thirty-eight hundred and seventy dollars and seventeen cents is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund, to pay the salaries of employees, rent, and other expenses of the Board of Excise, for the year ending May 1, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.



Laws of 1865, amended in 1872, 1876, and 1877. In the charter and amendments the powers and duties of the manager are very clearly defined, and the obligation of the City made perfectly plain.

By the charter the managers of the asylum are permitted to take children of two years or under without restriction as to number, for which the City was to pay to the institution a certain fixed sum per head. By chapter 213, Laws of 1876, the managers were authorized to take and care for women in confinement, for which the "asylum shall be entitled to receive, and shall receive, from the County Treasurer twenty-five dollars each for obstetric attendance," and it is also provided by said chapter that the institution "shall be entitled to receive, and shall receive, eighteen dollars per month" for each nursing mother maintained by said asylum. By chapter 90, Laws of 1877, it is provided that the proper authorities shall levy and collect by tax, and pay over to said institution, thirty-eight cents per day for each and every child received and maintained by said asylum. You will observe that these provisions of law are mandatory, and require the City authorities to perform certain well-defined duties. I think after reading carefully the several laws relating to the Infant Asylum that you will agree with me that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment have but one duty to perform relative to the appropriation for the Infant Asylum, that is, to appropriate a sum sufficient to meet the requirements of laws relating thereto. I beg leave to assure you that the managers of the Infant Asylum have been careful not to abuse the privileges conferred on them by law, and that every effort has been made to prevent the enlargement of their bills, especially during the last year, as the managers desired to meet the wishes of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the general reduction of expenditure. I hope you will excuse me for again earnestly requesting you to find some means to



duty of the Comptroller of said City to reimburse and pay over the difference between thirty-eight cents per day and the amount actually received by said asylum from said Supervisors since the passage of the amendment dated April eighteen hundred and seventy-two, to the aforesaid act of incorporation of eighteen hundred and sixty-five. It is further provided, that whenever any homeless or needy mother has received care and attendance in the lying-in wards of the New York Infant Asylum, the managers of said asylum shall be entitled to receive, and shall receive, from the County Treasurer, as hereinabove provided, the sum of twenty-five dollars for said care and obstetric attendance, and whenever any mother thus domiciled and attended at the birth of her child, and whenever any other homeless or needy mother, with a nursing infant, resides at the asylum, by the request of its officers, and wet-nurses her own infant, the managers of said institution shall be entitled to receive, and shall receive, from the County Treasurer, the sum of eighteen dollars per month, and proportionately for any fraction of a month, for each mother so remaining under their charge in said asylum, provided such residence shall exceed the period of two months, to be paid, as hereinbefore provided, in monthly, quarterly, or annual payments, as said managers may request; but the managers of the said institution shall not be entitled to receive the said monthly allowance for a longer period than for one year for any mother so remaining.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN BRIDGE, }  
 OFFICE, NO. 21 WATER STREET, }  
 BROOKLYN, March 18, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor*, and

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller of the City of New York*:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a resolution of this Board, adopted on the fourth day of March instant, calling upon the City of Brooklyn for one mil-



cut down from \$30,000 to \$20,000 on the last day of the year, without any notice, and without any possibility of interposing an objection.

I respectfully submit that it is simply impossible for the museums to live and be kept open with this sum. The expenses of the Museum of Natural History are large, and the estimate of those of the Metropolitan Museum of Art alone amounts to over \$20,000. The building in the Park is not finished, and they are compelled to take again for the coming year the premises in Fourteenth Street they now occupy. The rent alone of these premises would amount to over one-half of the sum provided for the expenses of both.

May I respectfully ask if it be not possible to transfer from some unappropriated balance the sum of ten thousand dollars to the account of the maintenance of the museums, so as to enable them to keep their doors open, otherwise I see no alternative for them but to stop all possible expenses, and to close their doors when their funds are exhausted.

I have said nothing in the above statement of the expenses of removal of our art treasures from Fourteenth Street to the new building in the Park. This alone will require at least \$15,000 by estimate, but this must be provided for in some other way.

Hoping that you may find some way of relieving the institutions from the serious embarrassments which now threaten them, I remain,

Very respectfully,

JOHN TAYLOR JOHNSTON,

*President.*

Which were referred back to the Comptroller.

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communication :







sessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Saturday, April 20, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated April 19, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
April 19, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Saturday, the 20th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$77,000 "Croton Water Main Stock," authorized by chapter 477, Laws of 1875, and \$10,000 "Assessment Bonds," for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, under chapter 447, Laws of 1876, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,  
JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 20th day of April, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
 300 MULBERRY STREET, MARCH 1, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller* :

Sir,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it  
 was

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of \$3,500 from the appropriation for Street Cleaning for 1877, which is in excess of the amount required for the objects and purposes thereof, to the appropriation for Contingent Expenses for 1877, as per letter of January 18, 1878.

Very respectfully,

S. C. HAWLEY,

*Chief Clerk.*

*per K.*

Which were referred to, and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended in order to act upon the issue of "Croton Water-Main Stock" and "Assessment Bonds."

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Croton Water-Main Stock," as authorized by chapter 477, Laws of 1875, to the amount of seventy-seven thousand dollars, as called for in



The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of thirteen thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars and fifty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Institution of Mercy," for the support of 600 children in said institution committed by Police Magistrates, pursuant to chapter 173, Laws of 1875, from December 1, 1877, to February 28, 1878, aggregating 45,908 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about  $28\frac{57}{100}$  cents per day, for the support of each child ; the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of two thousand and sixty-five dollars and seventy-one cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominic," for the support of 100 children in said asylum, committed by Police Magistrates, pursuant to chapter 173, Laws of 1875, from December 1, 1877, to



The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of fourteen thousand seven hundred and nine dollars and eighty-six cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the following named asylums and institutions, to pay a portion of the bills rendered for the care and maintenance of inmates therein during the year 1877, viz :

Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.....	\$2,542 35
New York Infant Asylum.....	6,491 71
New York Juvenile Asylum.....	1,730 28
St. Joseph's Improved Institute for Deaf Mutes...	2,473 54
Nursery and Child's Hospital.....	817 28
Children's Fold.....	654 70
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Total.....	<u>\$14,709 86</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative*—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication .



sum of \$54,750, which appropriation is made with the distinct provision that no part of these moneys is to be used or applied by any of said institutions as a permanent fund, or for the purpose of erecting or furnishing any building, or for the payment of the salary of any employee, but the whole amount allowed to each institution is to be used and applied to the purpose above stated, as provided by law, viz.: to "gratuitously aid, support, and assist the poor."

### CHARITABLE SOCIETIES AND MISSIONS.





The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the  
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-  
ments—4.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*





men, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Friday, May 3, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated May 2, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
May 2, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor :*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, the 3d instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of "Museum of Art and Natural History Stock," and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 2d day of May, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments,*



the construction of a Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History, as provided by Section 2, Chapter 290, Laws of 1871.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM IRWIN,

*Secretary D. P. P.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution ;

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Museum of Natural History Stock," authorized by Chapter 290, Laws of 1871, amounting to \$100,000, as per requisition of the Department of Public Parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

NEW COUNTY COURT HOUSE COMMISSION, }  
NEW YORK, April 25, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller* :

Dear Sir,—At the meeting of the Commissioners for the Completion of the New County Court House, held on the 24th



The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and  
the President of the Board of Aldermen -- 3.*

*Negative—The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—1.*

The SECRETARY presented the following communication :

BOARD OF EXCISE, 299 MULBERRY STREET, }  
NEW YORK, May 1, 1878. }

*Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., Mayor, and Chairman Board of Estimate  
and Apportionment :*

Sir,—We hereby request an appropriation of fifty-two thousand (\$52,500) five hundred dollars for the use of the Excise Board for the year commencing May 1, 1878.

This is an equal amount to that asked for by the late Board for the financial year 1877–8, and we deem it necessary to make requisition for this sum for the present year as the work of the Board and its employes has enormously increased in consequence of the numerous examinations made under the Excise Law of 1857.

We have also incurred expense for refitting up the office in such a way that our business may be transacted more rapidly and more systematically than heretofore, and the bills therefor when presented will be a charge upon this appropriation.

Now that the financial year has just expired, during which a large defalcation took place in the office, we shall also be at some expense, apart from our usual business, in examining systematically the transactions of the past year and making a



have knowledge that they are doing a good work and that some of the directors have exceeded their ability in giving. I think \$500 would be well applied if given here. On general principles I am opposed to giving public moneys to private charities; but I did not have the making of the law, and it should be equal in its application.

Yours,

C. PULLMAN.

Which were referred to, and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

Messrs. Miller and Arnold appeared before the Board and made statements against the further appropriation of moneys to the Brooklyn Bridge Company.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

*Secretary.*



sessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Monday, May 13, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated May 11, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
May 11th, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Monday, the 13th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$10,000 "Assessment Bonds," for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, under chapter 447, Laws of 1876, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 11th day of May, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments,*



The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
300 MULBERRY STREET.

NEW YORK, May 10, 1878.

Hon. JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller :*

Sir,—By direction of the Board of Police, I herewith enclose copy of resolution requesting authority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer the sum of \$1,193 for the completion of the Thirty-third Precinct stable.

Very respectfully

WM. H. KIPP,

*First Deputy Clerk.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
300 MULBERRY STREET.

NEW YORK, May 10, 1878.

*To the Honorable Board of Estimate and*

*Apportionment of the City of New York :*

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

*Resolved*, That respectful application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Board of Police to transfer from the account of “Alterations and Repairs of Station Houses” of the appropriation for the year 1877, the sum of \$1,193 of the unexpended balance of said year, to the account of “Construction of the Thirty-third Precinct Stable” appropriation for the year 1875, which is insufficient.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP,

*First Deputy Clerk.*



work for the coming summer (see circular enclosed), every dollar of which will be faithfully used to gratuitously assist the sick of this City, and shall not be used as a permanent fund, or for furnishing any building, or for the payment of any employee, or for salary, or liquidation of any debt, but solely and specifically for the object named.

The record of the association for the past years, and the many leading citizens on its Board of Management are a guarantee that the money will be wisely and economically expended for the object set forth.

Very respectfully yours,

HENRY KING,

*President.*

Which was referred to, and original paper sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

*Secretary.*



Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, May 28, 1878, at 11 o'clock, A.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated May 23, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
May 23rd, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, the 28th instant, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of considering the call made on March 4th, 1878, by the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge upon the City of New York, for the payment of \$500,000 for the purposes specified in Section 3, Chapter 300, of the Laws of 1875, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 23rd day of May, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



*Resolved*, " That the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge hereby call upon the Cities of New York and Brooklyn for the sum of one million of dollars from the City of Brooklyn, and five hundred thousand dollars from the City of New York, for the purposes specified in Section 3, of Chapter 300, of the Laws of 1875, such sums being in the opinion of this Board proper and necessary, and that request be made to the Mayors and Comptrollers of said cities accordingly."

A true extract from the minutes.

O. P. QUINTARD,

*Secretary.*

*Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller of the City of New York.*

NEW YORK, May 17, 1878.

*Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller :*

Dear Sir,—I take the liberty of sending to you a copy of the Brooklyn *Daily Eagle* of 16th instant, containing an editorial relating to the capability of the bridge to sustain weights, etc.

You will perceive that it is extremely doubtful, even should the bridge be completed, whether it can be used to an extent that will prove of any material advantage to either City.

The case in which I am plaintiff against the bridge will probably be reached at the next term of the United States Circuit Court, which commences on the 21st instant.

I trust, in view of all the facts and the law bearing on the case, that you will see your way clear in withholding further issue of the bonds of the City until judicial determination is had.

Since I had the honor to appear before the Board of Apportionment, two ships, one a man-of-war, have lost spars in passing under the cables.

Yours, very truly,

A. B. MILLER.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }  
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }  
 NEW YORK, May 18, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr.,

*Mayor and Chairman Board of  
 Estimate and Apportionment:*

Sir,—My attention has recently been called to the condition of the Essex Market building and the armory of the Sixty-ninth Regiment of the National Guard, located therein, and upon examination I find that they require extensive repairs, at a large expense. These repairs were in contemplation when I submitted to your Board the departmental estimate for the year 1878, in which I asked for the sum of \$40,000 for "Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs," and for \$9,500 for "Repairs of Armories." Your Board, however, reduced the appropriation to \$35,000 for all public buildings, including armories, and this amount is not sufficient to warrant so large an expenditure upon a single building as is required in this case. Careful economy and judicious distribution of the fund among all the buildings under the charge of the Department are necessary to enable it to keep them in tenantable condition. There are several important reasons, however, why the repairs to the Essex Market Building and armory should not be further postponed. The building is City property, and should be kept in a good state of preservation. The City is under the same obligation to the marketmen who pay rent for market stalls or stands as any landlord is to his tenant in regard to keeping the building in good condition. Finally, I consider the obligation of the City to provide and maintain suitable quarters for our militia, to whom we are indebted for valuable services, as equally binding.

I have to request, therefore, that your Board will enable me to meet this duty by transferring the sum of five thousand



report thereon to the Board of Supervisors, as required by law.

We respectfully suggest that the item of \$1,500 for rent is not a proper charge upon our appropriation, as we have nothing to do with the making of the lease, nor with any payments made under it. Nor do we ever sign any voucher therefor.

Yours, very respectfully.

RICHARD J. MORRISSON,  
PHILIP MERKLE,

*Commissioners of Excise.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of chapter 642 of the Laws of 1874, the salaries of the Commissioners of Excise in the City of New York are hereby fixed and appropriated at the rate of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) each per annum, and that the sum of thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500) is hereby fixed and appropriated as the amount necessary to pay the expenses of said Board of Commissioners of Excise, from May 1, 1878, to May 1, 1879, viz. :

Salaries of Commissioners.....	\$15,000
Salaries of employees, rent, and other necessary ex- penses .....	32,500
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Total .....	\$47,500
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Said amounts shall be paid out of money received into the treasury for licenses.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.



after be issued only to one of the physicians appointed, as in the statute directed, and it shall be the duty of the physician to whom such subpoena is so issued to make the inspection and autopsy required, and to give evidence in relation thereto at the Coroner's inquest.

SEC. 3. The Board of Coroners of the City of New York shall, within five days after the passage of this Act, by writing filed in their office and published in the *City Record*, appoint four qualified physicians, who shall be residents in said City, to perform the duties in the preceding section specified, and shall be known as Coroners' Physicians. Thereafter each Coroner of said City, elected as provided by law, shall, on assuming office, appoint successors to the physicians herein provided for. Any vacancy in the office of Coroners' Physicians shall be filled by the Board of Coroners. The Board of Coroners, for cause, may remove the physicians appointed by them.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of said City, from time to time as it may determine, to fix the salary to be paid to the physicians appointed as in this statute directed, for performing the duties herein provided. The salary to be paid to each of said physicians shall not in any one year exceed the sum of three thousand dollars. The salaries in this Act provided for shall be paid monthly by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

SEC. 5. Each of said Coroners heretofore elected shall attend to an equal or proportionate part of the cases in which a Coroner is required to act in said City and County, and after the thirty-first of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, there shall be paid to each of said Coroners, during the remainder of his term of office, the fees or compensation now provided by law.

SEC. 6. So much of Section one of Chapter four hundred and



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, }  
NEW YORK, May 28, 1878. }

*To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

To enable this Department to defray the necessary expenses of carrying out the provisions of the ordinance approved April 30, 1877, entitled "An ordinance to prevent the danger of hydrophobia to any of the inhabitants of the City of New York," the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars will be required in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated for "Contingencies, Mayor's Office."

I herewith transmit a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works consenting that this amount be transferred from the appropriation "Lamps and Gas," for 1878, there being a surplus in that appropriation, to the appropriation "Contingencies, Mayor's Office," for 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }  
Commissioner's Office, Room 19, City Hall, }  
NEW YORK, May 15, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*  
*and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

Sir,—There being a surplus in the appropriation "Lamps and Gas " for 1878, over and above the requirements of this Department, I hereby consent to a transfer from that appropriation of the sum of \$3,500 to the appropriation for "Contingencies, Mayor's Office," for 1878.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
*Commissioner of Public Works.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :



the customary manner, has, in conformity to a recent opinion from the Counsel to the Corporation, been refused by the Finance Department ; and

*“Whereas*, under the opinion referred to, such expenditures are held to have been incurred in and to be chargeable to the appropriation for the current year ; and,

*“Whereas*, the action referred to was taken by this Department under a misapprehension, and in the absence of any authorized construction of the provisions of law, and was in conformity to a custom prevailing during the last five years, and countenanced by the Finance Department ; and,

*Whereas*, The appropriation for new apparatus, etc., has been reduced year by year, and is fixed for the current year at an amount below the actual and indispensable requirements and necessities of the Department ; and

*“Whereas*, The payment of the claims referred to out of the appropriation for the current year would still further reduce the same, and to such an extent that the efficiency of the Department would be jeopardized thereby ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and is hereby requested to transfer the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) from the appropriation for the year 1877, to the appropriation for new apparatus, etc., for the year 1878, the said amount not being required for the year 1877, and necessary for the uses and purposes of this Department for the current year.”

Very respectfully,

VINCENT C. KING,

*President.*

Which was referred to, and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

The Board took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }  
 Commissioner's Office, Room 19, City Hall, }  
 NEW YORK, May 28th, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*  
*and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

Sir,—There being a surplus in the appropriation “Lamps and Gas,” for 1878, over and above the requirements of this Department, I hereby consent to a transfer from that appropriation of the sum of \$10,000 for the building of a pavilion, etc., for insane patients on Bellevue Hospital grounds, under the Commissioners of Charities and Correction.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
*Commissioner of Public Works.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for “Lamps and Gas” for 1878, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to an appropriation under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, entitled “For the Erection of a Brick Pavilion at Bellevue Hospital for insane patients,” said appropriation being required ; this appropriation is made with the express understanding that the cost of the erection and completion of the Pavilion shall not exceed the amount herein appropriated.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman).  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the  
President of the Board of Aldermen and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and As-  
sessments—4.*

**On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday,  
June 5, 1878, at 2 o'clock P. M.**

**JOHN WHEELER,**  
*Secretary.*





\$5,000 for the purpose of repairing the Essex Market building and armory of the Sixty-ninth regiment, N. G., S. N. Y., having been referred to the Comptroller at the last meeting of the Board, I respectfully recommend, in view of the necessity which appears to exist for making the repairs referred to, in order to keep the said market building and armory in good condition for occupation, the adoption of the annexed resolution.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

and offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas" for 1878, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to an appropriation for "Public Buildings, Construction and Repairs—for repairing the Essex Market building, and Armory of the Sixty-ninth regiment, N. G., S. N. Y." for 1878, for which it is required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*



The **CONTROLLER** presented the following communication :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
June 4, 1878. }

*To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

At the last meeting of the Board an act, chapter 256, Laws of 1878, entitled "An Act relating to the Coroners of the City and County of New York, their duties and compensation," was presented by the Comptroller for consideration, and having been referred to him for report upon the provision of the fourth section thereof, relating to the salary of the four physicians appointed by the Board of Coroners, I respectfully submit the following resolution, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

And offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution :

*Whereas*, It is provided by section 4, chapter 256, Laws of 1878, that

"It shall be the duty of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of said City, from time to time, as it may determine, to fix the salary to be paid to the physicians appointed as in this statute directed, for performing the duties herein provided. The salary to be paid to each of said physicians shall not in any one year exceed the sum of three thousand dollars. The salaries as in this act provided for shall be paid monthly by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York," and



The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

*Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication:

The Hon. JOHN KELLY, and the

*Board of Apportionment of the City of New York:*

I respectfully request in behalf of "The Shepherd's Fold of Episcopal Church in the State of New York," that you make the statutory appropriation (\$5,000) to that institution for the year 1878.

New York, May 5, 1878.

A. M. SHERMAN,  
*Counsel for said Institution.*

Which was referred to and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

The COMPTROLLER called up the New York and Brooklyn bridge matter, laid over at a meeting of May 28, 1878.

Whereupon Messrs. Sherman, John H. Strahan, O. B. Potter, Wm. H. Webb, A. B. Miller, Wm. H. Arnoux, and others, offered arguments against the further issue of bonds for the completion of the bridge.

Hon. H. C. Murphy made a statement in favor of the issue of the bonds required, and presented the following communication:







May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Monday, June 10, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated June 7, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
NEW YORK, June 7, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor :*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Monday, the 10th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$250,000 Assessment bonds," and \$100,000 "Assessment Fund Bonds," under the provisions of laws now in force, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,  
JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 8th day of June, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



same be found necessary by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

C. F. CHANDLER,  
*President.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made to the Health Department for the year 1878, entitled "Fund for Small-pox Hospital, and care of Contagious Diseases," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to an appropriation to said Department, entitled "For salaries of Physicians employed to visit the tenement-houses during the extreme hot weather of 1878," for which it is required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and As-  
sessments—3.*

The President of the Board of Aldermen appeared, and took his seat in the Board.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of ten thousand and sixteen dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to "The Mission of the Immaculate Virgin for the



The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of two thousand nine hundred and one dollars and seventy-two cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to the “ Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominick ” for the support of 134 children in said asylum, committed by police magistrates pursuant to chapter 173, Laws of 1875, from February 25 to May 31, 1878, aggregating 10,156 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about  $28\frac{67}{100}$  cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen and, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*



law, issues of Assessment Bonds and Assessment Fund Bonds, pursuant to law, are required.

For this purpose I submit the following resolution for adoption.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by the provisions of section 112 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be, and he is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest, not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and for such periods, conformable to law, as he may determine, the following-named bonds to wit :

“ Assessment Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York,” authorized by chapter 397, Laws of 1852, and chapter 580, Laws of 1872, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars . . . . .	\$250,000 00
“ Assessment Fund Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York,” authorized by chapter 579, Laws of 1853, one hundred thousand dollars . . . . .	100,000 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$350,000 00</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*





May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Friday, June 14, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated June 13, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
NEW YORK, June 13, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, the 14th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$25,000 "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock," authorized by Chapter 608, Laws of 1875, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 13th day of June, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and As-  
sessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*



May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Wednesday, June 19, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated June 18, 1878.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,

*Acting Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
NEW YORK, June 18, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of "Additional Croton Water Stock," and "Croton Water-main Stock," under existing provisions of law, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 18th day of June, 1878.

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,

*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,

*President of the Department of*

*Taxes and Assessments.*



Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Croton Water Main Stock," as authorized by chapter 477, Laws of 1875, to the amount of one hundred and eighteen thousand dollars, as called for in requisition of the Department of Public Works of October 23, 1877.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of four thousand three hundred and sixty-nine dollars and seventy-nine cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the*



" Le Couteulx, St Mary's Institution for Instruction of Deaf Mutes" .....	30 00	
" New York Juvenile Asylum" .....	1,730 28	
" New York Infant Asylum " .....	6,491 71	—
" New York Homœopathic Asylum for Insane " .....	106 16	=
" Nursery and Child's Hospital " .....	817 29	
" Children's Fold " .....	654 71	
" Union Home and School for Education of Children of Volunteers " .....	4 77	
" St. Joseph's Improved Institution for Instruction of Deaf Mutes" .....	2,473 54	
Total .....	<u>\$15,421 52</u>	

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 221, of the Laws of 1875, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby appropriate the sums stated, from the Excise Moneys, to the following named Charitable and Benevolent Institutions, in the City of New York, which "Gratuitously aid, support and assist the Poor," as a per capita allowance, for the poor and destitute persons treated, cared for, or educated, in and by them, respectively, and*



The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

*Secretary.*



Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, July 2, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated July 1, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }

NEW YORK, July 1, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor* :

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, the 2d instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to pay claims for fitting up and furnishing Armories and Drill-rooms, as provided by Chapter 473, of the Laws of 1877, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 1st day of July, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,

*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,

*President of the Department of*

*Taxes and Assessments.*



NAMES OF CLAIMANTS.	Armory and Drill-Room upon which Work was performed.	Amount of Claim, including interest.	Amount allowed by Commission.
James Knapp, Executor...	Twelfth Regiment and Washington Gray Troop.....	\$13,327 62	\$9,281 85
John C. Wessells .....	Twelfth Regiment.....	1,342 94	771 05
Waterbury & Burns.....	Washington Gray Troop.....	1,826 67	1,450 00
Frederick Jocks.....	First Division, First Battalion Cavalry, and Twenty-second Regiment .....	14,416 86	7,652 89
Daniel Kelly.....	Twelfth Regiment, First Troop Cavalry, and Washington Gray Troop.....	8,991 99	5,500 00
Mathesius & Frey.....	Ninth Regiment.....	15,558 67	9,500 00
Margaret Mayer, Administratrix .....	Separate Troop Cavalry, Twenty-second and Fifty-fifth Regiments, and First Regiment Cavalry .....	1,705 18	1,027 30
John D. Ottiwell.....	Twenty-second Regiment.....	714 34	609 21
Peter Leicht.....	Twenty-second Regiment and First Regiment Cavalry. .	2,844 04	1,826 00
Geo. Fischer & Brother ..	Twenty-second Regiment.....	817 89	400 00
A. H. Blankenstein .....	Fifty-fifth, Twenty-second, and First Cavalry Regiments....	943 63	500 00
A. P. Green.....	Division Headquarters.....	235 64	120 00
Stephen Hayes.....	Ninth Regiment.....	847 63	685 00
William H. Ertell.....	Twelfth Regiment.....	158 99	120 00
A. L. Donegan.....	Ninth Regiment.....	459 64	239 00
M. Kane & Co. ....	Twenty-second Regiment.....	1,001 34	781 02
Total.....		\$65,188 07	\$40,463 32

For the payment of said awards the Sixth Section of the Act provides as follows :

“SECTION 6. The Comptroller of the City of New York is hereby directed to borrow upon bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, bearing interest at the rate of not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, and payable at a period not to exceed three years from the date thereof, an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars, to be used, exclusive of interest, to make all the payments herein provided for.”



The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }

NEW YORK, June 20, 1878.

*Hon. JOHN WHEELER, Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

SIR,—The following resolution was adopted by the Commissioners governing this Department, at a meeting held yesterday, viz. :

“ *Resolved*, That application be and hereby is made to the  
“ Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate  
“ and raise by tax in the year 1878, twenty-five thousand  
“ dollars (\$25,000), to be expended by the Department of  
“ Public Parks, in improving and regulating the several  
“ public squares or places, laid out and established within  
“ the lines of Fourth Avenue, in the City of New York,  
“ between Sixty-seventh and Ninety-sixth Streets, in said  
“ City, as authorized by Chapter 417, of the Laws of  
“ 1878.”

Respectfully,

WM. IRWIN,

*Secretary D. P. P.*

Which was referred to the Comptroller, to obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation.

The SECRETARY presented a communication from the Guild of St. Cecilia, dated June 24, 1878, asking for an appropriation from the Excise Fund.

Which was referred to, and original paper sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

*Secretary.*



port of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Friday, July 12, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated July 11, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
July 11, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, the 12th instant, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$20,000 "Assessment Bonds," for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, under Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 12th day of July, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-two hundred and eight dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to the “ American Female Guardian Society ” for the support of fifty-nine children in the Home under the management of said society, committed by police magistrates, in pursuance of chapter 173, Laws of 1875, from July 1, 1876, to June 30, 1878, aggregating 7,728 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of eleven hundred and thirty dollars and fifty cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for “ Rents—(Leases in force),” for 1878, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations, which are insufficient, or require the same, viz. :

“ Incumbrances in harbor, removal of,” 1878...	\$265 00
“ Advertising,” 1877.....	365 50
“ Advertising,” 1878.....	500 00
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Total.....	\$1,130 50



on the 19th of June, 1878, having requested the Board to make the said appropriation, I recommend the adoption of the resolution herewith presented.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

LAW DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }  
NEW YORK, July 2, 1878.

HON. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller* :

Sir,—With your letter to me of the 27th of June last was transmitted a copy of an act passed June 14, 1878, which contains, among other things, the following provision :

“The Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York are authorized to appropriate and raise by tax, in the year 1878, twenty-five thousand dollars, to be expended by the Department of Parks in improving and regulating the several public squares and places laid out and established within the lines of Fourth Avenue, in the City of New York, between Sixty-seventh and Ninety-sixth street.”

You call my attention to certain provisions of Section 112 of the Charter of 1873, and request to be advised whether the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is to literally carry out the above-quoted provision of the Act of 1878, and “is to raise by tax, in the year 1878,” the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or whether it is to proceed according to the provisions of said section of the Charter.

A literal compliance with said provision of said Act of 1878, is, of course, impossible, as neither said act nor any other statute, creates the machinery necessary to enable the Board of Apportionment “to raise a tax” for any purpose. The language used must be construed with reference to other existing provisions of law, and interpreted, if possible, in such man



*Resolved*, That pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 417 of the Laws of 1878, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of "improving and regulating the several public squares and places laid out and established within the lines of Fourth Avenue, in the City of New York, between Sixty-seventh and Ninety-sixth streets," and that the said amount be added to and included in the final estimate for the year 1878, to be raised by tax in said year, as by said act provided; and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to certify said appropriation to the Board of Supervisors.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and As-  
sessments—3.*

The Chairman presented a communication from a Committee of the Board of Trustees of the College of the City of New York, asking for an increase of \$7,500 in the appropriation for that institution for the year 1878.

Which was referred to and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

*Secretary.*



May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Friday, July 19, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated July 18, 1878.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*Acting Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
July 18, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, the 19th instant, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purpose of taking action on a communication from the Health Department, requesting a transfer of \$3,000 to an appropriation for "Expenses of Inspecting Fruit," and for the transation of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED:

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 18th day of July, 1878.

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars and thirty-one cents be and the same is hereby appropriated from the "Excise Fund" for the support of forty-six inmates of the "Home for Fallen and Friendless Girls," from April 1 to June 30, 1878, inclusive, at the rate of \$150 per annum, pursuant to Chapter 868, Laws of 1873.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*



The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments--3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of one thousand and two dollars and fifty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "St. Stephen's Home," Nos. 145 and 147 East Twenty-eighth street, in the City of New York, for the support of fifty-three children in said Home, committed by Police Magistrates, pursuant to Chapter 173, Laws of 1875, from April 13 to June 30, 1878, aggregating 3,509 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28.57 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*



The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }  
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }  
 NEW YORK, July 15, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*

*and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

SIR,—Herewith I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of my letter of this date to the Board of Aldermen, recommending that Second avenue, from Twenty-third to Forty-second street, be repaved with Belgian or trap-block pavement.

For the reasons therein stated, I would request that the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) be transferred from the appropriation for “Lamps and Gas,” for 1878, for which it is not needed, to the appropriation for “Repaving Streets under chapter 476, Laws of 1875,” for the year 1878, and I would respectfully urge your early action in the matter.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

*Commissioner of Public Works.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }  
 Commissioner's Office, Room 19, City Hall, }  
 NEW YORK, July 15, 1878.

*To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :*

GENTLEMEN—Under chapter 476, Laws of 1875, there has been appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for “Repaving Streets,” the sum of \$200,000 for 1877, and \$300,000 for 1878. The appropriation for 1877 was supplemented by a transfer of \$11,000 from surplus balances of other appropriations of this Department, making the total amount hitherto appropriated for “Repaving, under chapter 476, Laws of 1875,” \$511,000.



public require that Second Avenue, from Twenty-third to Forty-second Street, be repaved with Belgian or Trap-block pavement, of which mode and manner of paving said avenue I hereby approve.

As the season is already far advanced, and the preparation of contract and specifications, advertising, letting, approval of sureties, execution of contracts, etc., will consume considerable time, I respectfully request your immediate action in this matter.

Very respectfully  
(Signed) **ALLAN CAMPBELL,**  
*Commissioner of Public Works.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation to the Department of Public Works, for the year 1878, entitled "Lamps and Gas," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation to the same Department for 1878, entitled "Repaving, under chapter 476, Laws of 1875," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3*

The COMPTROLLER presented communications from the Department of Public Works, dated July 11 and 12, asking for







o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated July 25, 1878.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*Acting Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
July 25, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, the 26th instant, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of a public fund or stock, in the name and on behalf of the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York, to the amount of \$50,000, to pay for the work necessary to restore Tompkins square as a public park, as authorized by Chapter 411 of the Laws of 1878, and called for by requisition of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks upon the Comptroller, dated July 24, 1878; and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 25th day of July, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



Your petitioners applied to the Commissioner of Public Works to have this pavement put down in Hanover street, but were informed by him that, while he approved of the pavement and considered the offer advantageous, he was prohibited from accepting it by the following provision of section 115, of the Charter of 1873 : "Except for repairs no patented pavement shall be laid, and no patented article shall be advertised for, contracted for or purchased, except under such circumstances that there can be a fair and reasonable opportunity for competition, the conditions for which shall be prescribed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment."

Your petitioners, therefore, respectfully request that your Board will take the necessary action to enable the Commissioner to put down the "asphalt and stone paving blocks" above mentioned in Hanover street.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

**BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,**

Wall and Hanover streets.

**JOHN J. CISCO & SON,**

Wall and Hanover streets.

**C. A. ARTHUR,**

Collector, Custom House.

**SMITHERS & WATSON,**

Agents, Bank of Montreal,

59 Wall, corner Hanover street.

**WM. W. GOODRICH,**

59 Wall street.

**WALTER T. MILLER & CO.,**

5 Hanover street.

**EDW. HARRISON'S SONS,**

4 Hanover street.

**SALI & MOSES,**

4 Hanover street.







FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
 July 26, 1878. }

*To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

In the matter of the application of the Commissioner of Public Works, dated July 11, 1878, requesting the transfer of \$190.41 from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas" for 1877, to the appropriation for "Third District Court House," referred to the Comptroller at the last meeting of the Board, I respectfully recommend that the Secretary be directed to inform the Commissioner of Public Works that if he desires a transfer of the amount for the purpose named from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas" for 1878, the Board will comply with his request to that effect as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

Which was referred to the Secretary, with request to communicate with the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works.

By unanimous consent the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended in order to act upon the issue of Consolidated Stock of the City of New York.

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
 36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }  
 NEW YORK, July 24, 1878. }

HON. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller :*

SIR—At a meeting of the Commissioners governing this Department, held this day, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz. :



after the said Department of Public Parks has been so directed by the Common Council, and within twenty days after requisition is made on him to do so by resolution of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, or a majority of them, in the name and on behalf of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, a public fund or stock to an amount to be mentioned in said requisition and not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, payable on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, with interest at a rate not to exceed six per cent. per annum, and the proceeds of said fund or stock shall be applied to payment for the work authorized by this act.

SEC. 3. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York is hereby directed to include in the final estimates of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County of New York during the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, an amount sufficient to pay both principal and interest of the fund or stock authorized to be issued by this act.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding six per cent. per annum, "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, payable November 1, 1879, as authorized by chapter 411 of the Laws of 1878, and called for in requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated July 24, 1878, as the amount required under said act to restore Tompkins Square as a public park or square.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would

agree with said resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the  
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and As-  
sessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented communications from Ladies' Deborah Nursery, dated June 20, and the New York Christian Home for Intemperate Men, dated July 20, 1878.

Which was referred to and the original papers sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

*Secretary.*





stituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Thursday, August 1, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated July 31, 1878.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*Acting Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
July 31, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Thursday, the 1st day of August, 1878, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$3,100 of bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, under Chapter 473, Laws of 1877, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 31st day of July, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and ninety dollars and forty-one cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas" for the year 1878, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to an appropriation for "Third District Court House" for the year 1877, for which the same is required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Police be, and is hereby, authorized to transfer the sum of eleven hundred and ninety-three dollars from the appropriation to the Police Department, for the year 1877, entitled "Police Station Houses—Alterations, fitting-up, additions to and repairs of Station Houses, etc.," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for the year 1875, entitled "Construction of Stables for Thirty-third Precinct," which is insufficient, as set forth in resolution adopted by the said Board of Police on May 10, 1878.



in their respective departments, including a statement of each of the salaries of their officers, clerks, employees, and subordinates."

"The same statement as to salaries and expenditure shall be made by all other officers, persons, and boards having power to fix or authorize them."

"A duplicate of these departmental estimates and statements shall be made at the same time to the Board of Aldermen;" therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be requested to notify the heads of all the City Departments, and the officers of the City and County of New York to prepare their "Departmental Estimates" for the year 1879, in conformity with the foregoing provisions of law, and send the same to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment prior to the first day of September, 1878.

*Resolved*, That the officers of all institutions which may be entitled by law to allowances of money from the City and County of New York, be also notified by the Comptroller to send their estimates for the year 1879.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said preamble and resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*



And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby, authorized to issue, at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, for a period not to exceed three years, bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the sum of thirty-one hundred dollars, to pay the awards made on July 26 and 27, 1878, by the Commission appointed by and under Chapter 473 of the Laws of 1877, on claims for goods, merchandise, and materials furnished and labor performed in fitting up and furnishing armories and drill-rooms.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York,  
and the President of the Department of Taxes  
and Assessments—3.*

The SECRETARY offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-nine hundred and ninety-five dollars and three cents be and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation "Contingencies—Department of Taxes and Assessments, 1877," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation "Contingencies—Department of Taxes and Assessments, 1878," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and As-  
sessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*





pairs made upon them this year have already cost about \$9,000, and are not yet finished.

An addition to the appropriation for "Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance" is, therefore, absolutely necessary, and I have to request that the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be transferred to it from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas" for 1878, for which the said sum is not needed.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

*Commissioner of Public Works.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation "Lamps and Gas," 1878, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation "Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance," 1878, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

*Absent—*

*The President of the Board of Aldermen.*



The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and As-  
sessments—3.*

*Absent—*

*The President of the Board of Aldermen.*

The CHAIRMAN presented communications from the "Public Schools Aid Society" and the "Ladies' Union Relief Association," asking for appropriations from the Excise Fund ; also a communication from Mr. John Taylor Johnston, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, asking for an additional appropriation of ten thousand dollars, for the support of the Museum, in 1878.

Which were referred to, and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

Mr. A. B. Clarke, Secretary of the "Public Schools' Aid Society," appeared before the Board, and made remarks concerning the workings and purposes of the Society, and submitted a statement relative to the affairs of said Society.

Which was referred to, and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*



May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, September 10, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated September 7, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
September 7, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$25,000 "Assessment Bonds," for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, under Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 7th day of September, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

JOHN WHEELER,

*President of the Department of*

*Taxes and Assessments.*



The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Revenue Bonds" to the amount of five thousand dollars, as authorized by Section 5 of Chapter 213 Laws of 1871, to meet the expenses incurred or to be incurred in applying water-meters to buildings, &c., in which water is furnished for business consumption, as provided in Section 73 of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, and on account of requisition of the Commissioner of Public Works of August 14, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Croton Water-main Stock," as authorized by Chapter 477, Laws of 1875, to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, on account of requisi-



*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York,  
and the President of the Department of Taxes  
and Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of seventeen thousand two hundred and four dollars and twenty-eight cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Institution of Mercy," for the support of 794 children in said institution, committed by Police Justices, pursuant to Chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from June 1st to August 31, 1878, aggregating 60,215 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of three thousand two hundred and seventy-six dollars and eighty-five cents be, and the same*



"Hudson River State Hospital," 1877 .....	122 02
"Le Couteulx St. Mary's Institution for Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes in the City of Buf- falo," 1877 .....	30 00
"State Homœopathic Asylum for the Insane," 1877	106 16
"New York State Lunatic Asylum," 1877 .....	49 29
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Total .....	<u>\$1,388 27</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and As-  
sessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communications:

### POINTS

Submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on objections made in opposition to granting the requisition of the Trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge, for the issue of bonds by the City of New York for bridge purposes.

First—The City of New York cannot, under the Constitution of the State, issue its bonds, or incur any indebtedness for the purposes of the Brooklyn Bridge.

(1.) This bridge undertaking was commenced by a joint stock company, incorporated as "The New York Bridge Company," by chapter 399 of the Laws of 1867. The statute of incorporation provides that the capital stock of the company shall be five million dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each; and



the sum of one million dollars in each of said years. These additional subscriptions, of an aggregate of three million dollars, were, the statute expressly provided, to complete the bridge.

(5.) No action was taken under the authority of this statute of 1874, because of the constitutional amendments adopted that year, and which went into effect January 1, 1875. By one of the amendments, article 8, section 11, it is declared that "No county, city, town, or village, shall hereafter give or loan its money or credit to, or in aid of, any individual, association, or corporation, or become directly, or indirectly, the owner of stock in, or bonds of, any association or corporation, nor shall any such county, city, town, or village, be allowed to incur any indebtedness, except for city, town, or village purposes."

As the statute of 1874 authorized the respective Cities of New York and Brooklyn to issue their bonds, and to apply the proceeds thereof for the purchase of stock of the association or corporation of "The New York Bridge Company," the bonds so authorized could not be issued for this purpose, after the constitutional amendments had gone into effect, for neither city could, after that date, become the owner of any of the stock of the bridge company. The statute of 1874 became, therefore, wholly inoperative, as containing a scheme, engrafted upon a joint stock company, which compelled the Cities of New York and Brooklyn to issue bonds in aid of the undertaking of the company,

(6.) To overcome, if possible, the difficulties interposed by the constitutional amendments, another statute was passed, Chapter 300, Laws of 1875, which provides (section 1), "Whenever two-thirds of the private stock of the New York Bridge Company shall have been retired from the said company, by the purchase of the right of the holders thereof in the said com-



the purpose of meeting the requirements of the said trustees and to pay the proceeds thereof to them."

By this statute of 1875 a new scheme is devised as to this undertaking. The Bridge Company is dissolved, on payment being made as provided in the statute of 1874 to the private stockholders of the amount of their respective subscriptions to the stock of the company, with interest. The bridge is declared to be a public work, and a new territorial district is established, described in the statute as a consolidated district, consisting of the Cities of New York and Brooklyn; these cities being required to incur an indebtedness not exceeding eight millions of dollars to complete the bridge, in the proportion of two-thirds by the City of Brooklyn and one-third by the City of New York. This scheme, while it no doubt obviated the objections founded on one of the constitutional amendments—to which the scheme in the statute of 1874 was obnoxious, viz.: the clause prohibiting cities becoming the owners of stock in corporations—is itself in conflict with another clause in the constitutional amendments, viz.: the clause prohibiting any city from incurring any indebtedness except for the purposes of such city. By the express terms of the statute of 1875, the bridge undertaking is declared to be a purpose of the consolidated district—New York and Brooklyn. It is not, therefore, a purpose of the City of New York, and not being a purpose of the City of New York, the Constitution prohibits any debt of the city being incurred therefor.

If the Legislature can, for such a purpose as the Brooklyn Bridge, make a new district, including two cities, and requiring such cities to incur an indebtedness for a purpose—declared to be a purpose of such consolidated district—what is there to prevent the Legislature from passing an act declaring that the several cities of the State shall be a consolidated district, and to declare that it shall be a purpose of such consolidated dis-







York and Brooklyn are required to pay this sum of eight million dollars, in the proportions prescribed by the statute of 1875.

It is conceded by the trustees, as to the work they are proceeding with, that they have not paid, and apparently do not propose to pay, any attention or give any heed to the directions and restrictions of the statute as to the cost of the undertaking. What they really say is—it is quite true this restriction of eight millions dollars is contained in the statute, and it is equally true, that we do not restrict our operations by this statutory limitation, we proceed as we have begun, and that, to the extent of eight million dollars authorized to be paid, the Cities of New York and Brooklyn must comply with such requisitions as we may be pleased to make, and when this amount is expended by us in the manner we propose, that is in building a part of the bridge, and in paying a part of the debts incurred, the work will be stopped until a further issue of bonds is authorized to enable us to complete the same as we propose, and at such cost and expense as we may approve.

Proceeding thus on the part of the trustees, is an abuse of the power conferred upon them by the statute, a waste of Public Funds, a violation of Public Trust, which ought not to receive the sanction of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, or any of the officers of the City of New York, at least until the same has received judicial sanction.

JOHN H. STRAHAN,  
*Of Counsel.*

BROOKLYN, June 29, 1878.

Dear Sir,—I have examined the brief or argument submitted by John H. Strahan, Esq., to the Board of Estimate of New York City, in opposition to the further issue of bonds in said City for bridge purposes.







insue its bonds and advance its moneys, and that the Board of Estimate of that City may examine and determine the question whether the plans in progress can be carried out within the statutory limitations.

I do not understand the trustees to make the concession claimed. But even if that were so, I am of opinion that the limitation of eight millions is solely a limitation on the amount of moneys to be contributed by the two cities and not on the cost of the work itself. But I contend that a determination or assurance that the bridge could be completed for the sum named was not a necessary condition of the jurisdiction of the trustees to prosecute the work.

The first section of the act provides that, on retiring the private stock of the old corporation, "the bridge now in course of construction shall be completed and managed as hereinafter provided."

The second section provides that the trustees "shall have full power, control and direction over the plan and construction of said bridge," and generally should have the powers and duties of the directors of the former bridge company.

In the third section of the act is found the limitation as to amount.

It will be seen from these sections that the Legislature intended the prosecution and construction of the particular bridge then building; that to the trustees appointed under the act was committed in the fullest degree such construction, and the determination of the plan of such construction. In the grant of authority over such plan and construction no limitation is found, but the intention is that the power should be unlimited to the same extent that the same was formerly vested in the directors of the old company. The limitation is found only in the third section and solely as limiting the amount of the contributions of the cities of New York and Brooklyn,



the immediate prosecution of the enterprise, it did not intend that either the trustees or the two municipalities could refuse to go on with the work on the ground that sufficient funds were not provided for its completion. Especially when, nowhere in the act, is there any limitation in terms of the cost of the bridge.

But, further, I am of opinion that no officers or board, save the trustees of the bridge, can pass upon the question of its estimated cost. Any power in the Board of Estimate to determine for itself before issuing bonds, whether the plan on which the bridge is now being constructed can be carried out within the amount limited, would necessarily involve a review of the decision of the trustees as to such plan, and be utterly inconsistent with the provisions of the statute that such trustees "shall have full power, control and direction over the plan and construction of said bridge."

Neither the acts of 1871, nor of 1873, increasing the powers of the Board of Estimate of New York City, can limit the effect of subsequent legislation in the Act of 1875, for the construction of the bridge.

But, again, if this question could be raised at all by either municipality, it could only be raised, and must have been determined, at the time of the original appropriation under the Act of 1875, when the municipal authorities of the City of New York authorized the issue of all the bonds to be required under that act.

It is not possible, then, a public work authorized by law and valid at its inception should become illegal at some time during its progress, if the prices of material should increase, and again be valid when such prices have fallen.

I further think that chapter 165, Laws of 1875, authorizing the trustees to take lands for a change of a site of Frankfort Street, is a legislative recognition that the prosecution of the



issue of bonds for the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, was duly received, as was also the argument in reply of E. M. Cullen, Esq., of counsel for the bridge company, forwarded to me by the Comptroller on the 9th day of July.

The laws relating to the Brooklyn Bridge received careful consideration at my hands on a former occasion, and resulted in a communication to the Common Council on the 10th day of September, 1875 (see *City Record* No. 689, September 21, 1875), in which I expressed the opinion that, under the provisions of chapter 300, of Laws of 1875, there can be no doubt that it is the duty of the City of New York to raise by the issue of bonds, and pay over to the trustees of the bridge company one-third of eight million dollars.

Three objections not heretofore considered by me are made in the argument of Mr. Strahan ; but, after a full consideration of them, I see no cause to change the opinion on the subject heretofore given.

The first objection made is that the law is unconstitutional, as being in violation of the prohibition contained in the eleventh section of the eighth article of the constitution, to the effect that no city shall be allowed to incur any indebtedness except for city purposes. It is urged that this bridge is not being built for the exclusive purpose of the City of New York, but of New York and Brooklyn, and that, in recognition of this fact, the Act of 1875, which authorizes the issue of the bonds, prescribes that the two cities shall constitute a consolidated district for its construction and management, thus recognizing the expenditure to be for the purpose of the consolidated district, and not of the City of New York exclusively.

The object of the constitutional provision referred to was to prevent the diversion of public money to objects other than the legitimate public purposes and public works of the city. The text of the amendment shows its purpose : " No county, city,



each be compelled to erect, independently, bridges across division streams instead of uniting and sharing the expenses of a structure properly a common burden. It would substitute a double system of construction throughout the State of bridges and other works in which there were common interests, in place of advantages growing from the common and harmonious construction and arrangement. This was not, I think, the intention of the constitutional provision. So long as the purpose for which the public money is to be used is one of those legitimate objects of public expenditure, it is not affected, in my opinion, by the fact that some other city is also interested therein.

The reference in the act to a new district composed of New York and Brooklyn is not such as to create a new political division of the State, but it is a provision for securing joint action in a common work by the two municipalities.

The second objection that there has already been expended upon the bridge more than \$8,000,000, depends upon the proposition that the third section of the Law of 1875 (chapter 300) limits the total expenditure for the bridge, including the moneys already used before the passage of the act, to the sum indicated.

This proposition is not sustained, in my opinion, by the language of the section, which is as follows: "Provided, however, that the whole amount to be paid by both cities shall not exceed eight millions of dollars."

The expression "to be paid" is clearly future in its general signification, and that it was not used in this statute without a full understanding of such general significance, appears from the phrase employed in the twelfth section the effect that the completed bridge shall vest in the two cities in shares "equal to the amount paid and to be paid" by them for the construction, etc.



adopted. The exclusive control of the construction being left to the trustees, the cities are directed to make their several advances until the sum of eight millions of dollars shall have been paid by them. At that point the trustees lose their jurisdiction, not over the bridge, but to demand more money, and at that point only can the two cities refuse to make their respective payments.

The duty imposed by law upon the trustees of the bridge is to produce a specific structure which cannot be reduced in length, for it must reach from one side of the river to the other; nor in height, for it must conform to the requirements of the Act of Congress of March 3, 1869; nor in its strength, for it must be safe beyond question. Unless it should appear, therefore, beyond possibility of dispute that there were several methods of meeting these requirements, and that the trustees had selected one involving an expenditure of more than \$8,000,000, while another equally good might have been pursued at a cost of less than \$8,000,000, I much doubt whether it would be proper even for a body possessing a right of supervision to question the propriety of the procedure.

I do not understand that any such state of facts is either conceded or claimed to exist; the papers present no question as to the entire good faith and propriety of the trustees in their official action, and no reason is shown for supposing that any greater expense has been incurred than is actually necessary.

It may be also observed that by a later law than that of 1875 (chapter 165, Laws of 1877), the Legislature has authorized the trustees of the bridge to take proceedings for the acquisition of additional lands in the City of New York, and has authorized and required the trustees to incur expenses additional to any which have been incurred had not this new authority been given.

This, in connection with the previous grant of power, would



an ordinance authorizing the Comptroller to issue bonds for the purposes of the bridge to the full amount of \$2,666,666.66, and prescribing in detail exactly how the bonds should be signed, sealed, and countersigned (see *City Record*, No. 881, May 8th, 1876).

I am, therefore, of the opinion, that your Honorable Body is without jurisdiction in the matter; that under the Law of 1875 and the ordinance of May 8, 1876, the right of the bridge trustees to receive the money called for is perfect, and that without further action it is the duty of the Comptroller to issue the bonds and pay the money to the amount of the requisition of the trustees, to the extent of \$2,666,666.66, under the act of 1875.

I herewith return the arguments of Mr. Strahan and Mr. Cullen.

Respectfully yours,

WM. C. WHITNEY,

*Counsel to the Corporation.*

*To the Honorable the Mayor, Comptroller, and Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York:*

The Committee appointed by the Council of Reform to take into consideration the further issue of bonds of this city to the trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge, have read the opinion of William C. Whitney, Esq., Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, upon the papers relating to Brooklyn Bridge submitted to him by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for his consideration.

We do wholly dissent from this opinion, and therefore, have to renew the request of the Council of Reform that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment withhold any further issue of the aforementioned bonds until the question whether this bridge is not being constructed contrary to the law of the



ing to issue bonds as now asked for by the trustees of the bridge, and the council will see that the proper and full defence is made against any action of the trustees of the bridge to compel the issue of said bonds.

Dated New York, August 16, 1878.

By order of the Committee,

W. H. WEBB,

*Chairman.*

Which were referred to, and the original papers sent to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented the following communication :

THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN BRIDGE, }  
OFFICE NO. 21 WATER STREET, }

BROOKLYN, August 14, 1878.

At a regular meeting of the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, held on Monday, August 5, 1878, a quorum being present, the following resolution was adopted :

“ *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge hereby call upon the Cities of New York and Brooklyn for the sum of one million of dollars from the City of Brooklyn, and five hundred thousand dollars from the City of New York, for the purposes specified in section 3 of chapter 300 of the Laws of 1875, such sums being, in the opinion of this Board, proper and necessary, and that request be made to the Mayor and Comptroller of said cities accordingly.”

(A true extract from the minutes.)

O. P. QUINTARD,

*Secretary.*

THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN BRIDGE, }  
 OFFICE NO. 21 WATER STREET, }

BROOKLYN, August 15, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., *Mayor*, and Hon. JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller of the City of New York:*

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a copy of a resolution of this Board, adopted on the fifth day of August, instant, calling upon the City of Brooklyn for one million of dollars, and upon the City of New York for five hundred thousand dollars, for the purposes specified as therein stated, and to request payment of the City of New York accordingly.

Yours, most respectfully,

HENRY C. MURPHY,  
*President.*

Which was referred to, and original papers sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*





Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Monday, September 23, 1878 at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated September 21, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
September 21, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Monday, the 23d instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$699,000 "Assessment Fund Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," under Chapter 756 Laws of 1873, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 21st day of September, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

JOHN WHEELER,

*President of the Department of*

*Taxes and Assessments.*



*Resolved*, That the sum of three thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the following appropriations, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

“ Disbursements and fees of County officers and witnesses,” 1877.....	\$1,500 00
“ Election expenses,” 1877.....	1,500 00
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Total .....	\$3,000 00

to the appropriation for “ Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance,” for 1878, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—3.*

A delegation of property owners from the annexed district appeared before the Board and made statements in favor of the issue of stock for the purpose of building a bridge across the Harlem River.

The Comptroller presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }  
NEW YORK, September 19, 1878. }

HON. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller*.

Sir,—At a meeting of the Commissioners of this Depart-



at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Stock of the City of New York" to the amount of ninety thousand dollars, for the purpose of providing for the expense of constructing a bridge and the approaches over the Harlem River, as authorized by Chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and Section 16, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, and in full of requisition of the Department of Public Parks of February 20, 1875, and in compliance with request of said Department of September 18, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*



May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Thursday, October 3, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated October 2, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
October 2, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Thursday, the 3d instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 2d day of October, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

JOHN WHEELER,

*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "New York County Court House Stock No. 5," as authorized by Section 7, Chapter 583, Laws of 1871, to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, in full of requisition of September 23, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Assessment Bonds" for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, in pursuance of Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York,  
and the President of the Department of Taxes  
and Assessments—3.*



The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, }  
Corner of Third avenue and Eleventh street, }  
NEW YORK, September 28, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

SIR,—I transmit the following proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction at a meeting held on this day.

*Resolved*, That application be made to the Board of Apportionment for the transfer of twenty-five hundred dollars from salary account, to the appropriation for building two new pavilions at Hart's Island.

By order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,

*Secretary.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Charities and Correction, for the year 1878, entitled "Public Charities and



And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Health Department for the year 1878, entitled "Fund for Small-pox Hospital and Care of Contagious Diseases," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the said Department for 1878, entitled "Health Fund—For Disinfection" which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*



President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Wednesday, October 9, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated October 8, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
October 8, 1878. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Wednesday, the 9th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before the Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 8th day of October, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller.*

W. R. ROBERTS,

*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,

*President of the Department of*

*Taxes and Assessments.*



The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of seven hundred and nineteen dollars and eighteen cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Home for Fallen and Friendless Girls," for the support of forty-four inmates, from July 1st to September 30th, 1878, inclusive, at the rate of \$150 each per annum, pursuant to chapter 868 Laws of 1873.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative--The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred and ten dollars and eighty-six cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "Ladies' Deborah Nursery and Childs' Protecory," for the support of thirty-two children committed by Police Magistrates in pursuance of Chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from August 1 to September 30, 1878, aggregating 1,088 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about  $28\frac{57}{80}$  cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.



*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Charities and Correction for the year 1878, entitled "For furniture and salaries for new Second District Prison," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for the year 1878, entitled "For the erection of a brick pavilion at Bellevue Hospital for insane patients," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York,  
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
300 MULBERRY STREET, }  
NEW YORK, October 8, 1878.

*To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the  
City of New York :*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held on the 4th inst., it was,

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment are hereby requested to transfer from the unexpended balance



“ Judgments ” (to pay a judgment in favor of Ira D. Clapp against the Board of Police).....	\$3,976 17
“ Cleaning Streets under Police Department ” (to pay for rent of stables Nos. 72 and 73 West Street).....	1,400 00
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Total .....	<u>\$5,376 17</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars and ninety-nine cents be, and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations, made for the year 1877, which are in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :*

“ Rents—Leases in Force ” .....	\$5,024 99
“ Interest on the City Debt ” .....	12,500 00
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Total .....	<u>\$17,524 99</u>



until frost sets in. The appropriation for “Repairs and Renewal of Pavements” is nearly exhausted, and unless additional means are provided the greater part of the work will have to be stopped, and most of the repair gangs discharged within the next ten days. There will be surplus balances on several of the appropriations made to this Department, which, under the circumstances, could not be applied to a better purpose than the repairs of pavements, and will enable the Department to fill up and pave over many bad holes in the streets, and continue the work during the present favorable weather.

I would therefore request that the following amounts be transferred to the appropriation for “Repairs and Renewal of Pavements” for 1878, from the respective appropriations, for the purposes of which they are not needed, to wit :

From “Free Floating Baths,” for 1878 .....	\$3,000 00
From “Lamps and Gas,” for 1878.....	2,500 00
From “Public Buildings, Construction, and Repairs,” for 1878.....	7,000 00
From “Wells and Pumps—Repairing and Cleaning,” for 1878.....	2,500 00
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Total .....	<u>\$15,000 00</u>

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

*Commissioner of Public Works.*

Which was referred to, and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

The SECRETARY presented a petition from the Twentieth and Twenty-second Ward Taxpayers’ Associations, asking that \$500,000 be appropriated for paving the streets.

**Also, a communication from the Central Taxpayers' Association, protesting against the further issuing of bonds to the New York and Brooklyn Bridge.**

**Which were ordered on file.**

**On motion, the Board adjourned.**

**JOHN WHEELER,**  
*Secretary.*





Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Monday, October 14, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated October 12, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }

October 12, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Monday, the 14th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 14th day of October, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WM. R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York,  
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-  
ments—4.*

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*



Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, October 29, 1878, at 1:30 o'clock, P.M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated October 28, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }

October 28, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, the 29th instant, at 1:30 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 28th day of October, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WM. R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



however, that the amount so to be raised by tax and paid into the Sinking Fund, as in this section provided, shall not, in any one year, be less than the sum of one million dollars, nor more than two million dollars ;" and,

*Whereas*, It appears that a communication to this Board from the Comptroller, dated October 21, 1878, that the amount of bonds and stocks of the City, payable from taxation, falling due in the year 1879, is \$1,447,155.35, and that the estimated accumulations of the Sinking Fund during the said year will amount in the aggregate to \$3,800,000 ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby certify to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the accumulations of the Sinking Fund in the year 1879, applicable to the redemption of bonds and stocks of the City of New York, which are payable from taxation by the provisions of the statutes authorizing their issue, and which fall due in said year, will not be sufficient to meet the payment thereof ; and they do further certify that the amount to be raised by tax, and paid into the Sinking Fund in the year 1879, to be applied to the payment of such bonds and stocks, as provided in Section 7, of Chapter 303, of the Laws of 1878, shall be the sum of one million dollars.

W. H. DIKEMAN,  
*Secretary.*

Which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of six hundred and ninety-seven dollars and seventy-two cents be, and the same is hereby, appro-



—to the following appropriations made for the year 1878, which are insufficient, viz. :

“ Salaries—Commissioners of Accounts” . . . . .	\$665 27
“ Advertising” . . . . .	1,000 00
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Total . . . . .	\$1,665 27
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York,  
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—4.*

The Secretary presented communications from the Common Council relating to the appointment of Janitors for Civil and Police Courts, and requesting that the sum of \$500,000 be inserted in the Budget for 1879, under the head of Repairs and Renewals of Pavements.

Which was referred to, and the original papers sent to, the Comptroller.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the Departmental Estimates for the year 1879 be, and the same are hereby, ordered to be printed in a convenient form, under the direction of the Secretary.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York,  
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER moved that the Board now proceed to consider the Provisional Estimate for the year 1879.

Which was agreed to.

The COMPTROLLER moved that when the Board adjourn it do so to meet to-morrow (October 30), at 12 o'clock M.

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*





lowing unexpended balances of appropriations of this Department for the year 1877, viz. :

Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance . . . . .	\$16 50
Boulevard, Roads and Avenues, Maintenance of . . .	10 29
Contingencies—Department Public Works . . . . .	60 45
Flagging Sidewalks and Fencing Vacant Lots in front of City property . . . . .	734 00
Free Floating Baths . . . . .	77 00
Lamps and Gas . . . . .	519 71
Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs . . . . .	82 52
Public Drinking Hydrants . . . . .	43
Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues . . . .	115 51
Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, &c. . . .	1,347 84
Repaving, under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875 . . . . .	2,890 06
Repairs and Renewal of Pavements . . . . .	85 79
Roads and Avenues, and Sprinkling . . . . .	2 38
Salaries—Department of Public Works . . . . .	49 88
Sewers—Repairing and Cleaning . . . . .	1,764 31
Street Improvements—For Street Signs, &c . . . .	376 80
Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices . . . . .	147 14
Wells and Pumps—Repairing and Cleaning . . . . .	582 41
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Total . . . . .	\$8,863 02

—the said sums being in excess of the requirements of the respective appropriations.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

*Commissioner of Public Works.*

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of eight thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven dollars and one cent be, and the same is hereby,



*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet to-morrow (the 31st inst.), at 11 o'clock A. M.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*



suance of Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue.

The Chairman put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of twenty-three hundred and five dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made for the year 1878, entitled "Examining Old Claims and Accounts, etc.," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made for the same year to the Law Department, entitled "Contingencies—Law Department," which is insufficient.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*



OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.	AMOUNTS ALLOWED IN FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1878.	AMOUNTS ASKED FOR IN DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES FOR 1879.	AMOUNT ALLOWED IN PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1879.
The Common Council.....	\$107,500 00	\$114,500 00	\$107,250 00
The Mayoralty.....	46,000 00	42,000 00	42,000 00
The Department of Finance....	225,000 00	242,500 00	225,000 00
State Taxes. ....	3,911,326 66	3,751,062 19	3,751,062 19
Interest on the City Debt.....	9,164,383 65	8,790,153 84	8,790,153 84
Redemption of the the City Debt.....	1,155,297 66	1,165,599 54	1,165,599 54
Armories and Drill-rooms— Rents.....	69,037 50	62,250 00	62,250 00
Judgments.....	300,000 00	400,000 00	350,000 00
Rents—(Leases in Force).....	70,175 00	61,200 00	61,200 00
The Law Department.....	148,000 00	143,000 00	143,000 00
The Department of Public Works.....	1,611,100 00	1,796,500 00	1,500,100 00
The Department of Public Parks.....	341,000 00	667,920 00	356,000 00
The Department of Buildings..	70,000 00	75,000 00	70,000 00
The Department of Public Char- ities and Correction.....	1,160,000 00	1,355,541 00	1,090,000 00
The Health Department .. .	190,000 00	218,416 00	175,000 00
The Police Department.....	3,999,895 00	4,106,611 00	3,956,500 00
The Fire Department.....	1,220,870 00	1,291,842 50	1,214,970 00
The Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	108,900 00	106,800 00	106,800 00
The Board of Education.....	3,400,000 00	3,584,000 00	3,400,000 00
The College of the City of New York.....	135,000 00	140,000 00	135,000 00
Advertising, Printing, Station- ery, and Blank Books.....	133,000 00	164,200 00	133,200 00
Salaries—City Courts.....	329,800 00	336,400 00	329,800 00
Salaries—Judiciary.....	853,225 00	864,025 00	850,225 00
Coroners' Fees.....	70,000 00	80,000 00	70,000 00
Sheriff's Fees.....	30,000 00	40,000 00	30,000 00
Election Expenses.....	135,000 00	143,500 00	135,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	170,726 15	92,870 00	92,120 00
Asylums, Reformatories and Charitable Institutions.....	948,840 50	1,120,181 50	942,240 00
Total Appropriations. ....	\$30,104,077 12	\$30,936,072 82	\$29,284,470 57

Reduction on amounts allowed for 1878. ....\$819,606 55

Reduction on amounts asked for 1879.....1,671,602 25



## THE MAYORALTY.

CONTINGENCIES—MAYOR'S OFFICE. . . . . \$4,000 00

## SALARIES—MAYOR'S OFFICE:

Salary of the Mayor. . . . . \$12,000 00

Salaries of Clerks and subor-  
dinates. . . . . 16,000 00

28,000 00

Salaries of Bureau of Permits. . . . . 10,000 00

\$42,000 00

## THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

## EXPENSES OF CONDUCTING THE DEPARTMENT:

Cleaning markets. . . . . \$20,000 00

Contingencies—Comptroller's office . . . . . 3,000 00

## SALARIES—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

Salary of the Comptroller. . . . . \$10,000 00

Salaries of the Attaches of the .

Department. . . . . 162,000 00

172,000 00

Salaries—Chamberlain's office. . . . . 30,000 00

225,000 00

## EXPENSES OF CONDUCTING THE CITY GOVERNMENT:

## FOR THE STATE.

## STATE TAXES:

For General Purposes,  $1\frac{531}{1000}$   
mills, as per Chapter 289,

Laws of 1878 . . . . . \$1,979,495 52

For Canals,  $\frac{3}{10}$  mill, as per Chap-  
ter 140, Laws of 1878. . . . .

387,882 86

For salary of Shore Inspector,  
as per Chapter 604, Laws of

1875. . . . . 1,527 90

\$2,368,906 28

## Common Schools for the State:

For Common Schools,  $1\frac{82}{1000}$  mills. as per

Chapter 289, Laws of 1878. . . . . 1,382,155 91

3,751,062 19

## INTEREST ON THE DEBT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Interest on the City Debt..... \$8,790,153 84

## REDEMPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE CITY DEBT.

## Redemption of the City Debt:

For amount to be raised by tax and applied to the redemption of the City Debt due in 1879, pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 383, Laws of 1878, and resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, adopted October 22, 1878..... \$1,000,000 00

## Redemption of the Debt of the annexed Territory of Westchester County:

Town of Morrisania.....	\$27,000 00	
Town of West Farms.....	16,000 00	
County of Westchester, for proportion of Bounty Loan and Central Park Avenue Bonds, incurred on account of annexed towns.....	25,110 38	
	<hr/>	68,110 38

For redemption of Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, due November 1, 1879, issued and to be issued pursuant to Chapter 411, Laws of 1878..... 50,000 00

For redemption of Revenue Bonds of the City of New York, payable November 1, 1879, issued pursuant to Chapter 213, Laws of 1871..... 4,000 00

For redemption of Revenue Bonds of the City of New York, payable November 1, 1879, issued pursuant to Chapter 418, Laws of 1877..... 775 50

For amount to be raised by tax annually, sufficient, with the accumulations of interest thereon, to pay the bonds and stocks, payable from taxation, issued after June 3, 1878, pursuant to Section 8, Chapter 383, Laws of 1878..... 42,713 66

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1,165,599 54

## MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

## Armories and Drill-rooms

For wages of Armorers, in pursuance of Section 39, Chapter 223, Laws of 1875.. \$17,520 00

## Armories and Drill-rooms—Rent of :

For rent of the following premises for Armories and Drill-rooms, under leases made in conformity with Section 120, Chapter 223, Laws of 1875, viz. :

Date of Lease.	Name of Lessors.	For what purposes	Location of Premises.	Term of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be provided for in 1879.
1876.						
May 16,	W. D. F. & E. A. Manice..	71st Regt.	Second story of building. Broadway, Sixth avenue, Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets.....	Three years from May 1, 1876, if renewed	\$12,000 estim't'd	\$8,000 00 6,000 00
May 10,	Valentine G. Hall, sole surviving executor.	22d Regt.	Fourteenth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues....	Five years from May 1, 1876...	15,000	15,000 00
May 18,	Cassius H. Read....	5th Regt.	Halls and premises, second story of buildings Nos. 139, 141 and 143 West Twenty-third st., etc.	Five years from May 1, 1876...	7,500	7,500 00
1877.						
Jan'y 6,	Chas. W. Dickel..	First Troop Caval'y	Nos. 7, 9 and 11 W. 13th street.....	Five years from Jan. 1st, 1877.	\$5,500	5,500 00
Jan'y 8,	Mary Combes and Lewis H. Combes, her husband ...	Companies A, K & G. 27th Reg't..	2d floor of Morrisania Hall, Railroad Avenue, bet'n 166th and 167th sts..	Two years from Jan. 1st, 1877, if renewed.	750 00 estim't'd	750 00
Dec. 29,	R. T. Ford..	Washi'n Gray Troop.	2d story of building, south side of 4th street, near Broadway .....	Three years and four months from Jan 1, 1878...	2,000	2,000 00
Dec. 29,	R. T. Ford..	12th Regt.	2d story of building, east side of Broadway, bet. 44th & 45th streets.	Three years and four months from Jan. 1st, 1878.	\$7,000	7,000 00



Date of Lease.	Name of Lessor.	For what purpose.	Location of Premises.	Expiration of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be provided in 1879.
1876. Nov. 26.	Charles Johnson.....	Eighth District Civil Court .....	South west corner 7th ave and 22d street.....	Jan. 1, 1882	\$3,000 00	\$3,000 00
1878. May 1	Catherine Bradley. ....	Sixth District Civil Court.	South west corner 4th avenue and 18th street...	May 1, 1883	1,200 00	1,200 00
1876. April 25	New York Dispensary ....	Reception Hospital ....	North west corner Centre and White sts...	May 1, 1880	9,500 00	9,500 00
1876. July 19.	Dennis Kennedy or Jane M. Cudlipp pres't owner.	Reception Hospital....	90th street, between 9th and 10th avenues....	May 1, 1880	1,500 00	1,500 00
1875. Feb. 8.	Reuben Smith	Department of Buildings ..	No. 2 Fourth avenue, 2d, 3d, and 4th floors.....	May 1, 1879 It renewed.	3,500 00 estimated	1,750 00 1,750 00
1876. April 10	Jane de Zee ..	Excise Office..	No. 40 East Houston st.	May 1, 1881	3,000 00	3,000 00
1876. April 24	Mary A. Schanck, executrix .....	Marine Court.	No. 27 Chat-ham street, 2d, 3d and 5th floor....	May 1, 1880	12,000 00	12,000 00
1876. April 29	Oswald Ottendorfer.....	Counsel to the Corporation	Staats Zeitung Building, 3d floor. ....	May 1, 1881	7,500 00	7,500 00
1871. Feb. 10.	Benjn. Moore.	Form'rly used as stables by Police Department...	South side of West 24th st.. between 10th and 11th aves...	Mar. 1, 1892	500 00	500 00
						\$61,200 00

Coroners' Post-mortem Examinations :  
As authorized by chapter 620, Laws of 1875..... 1,0 0 00

Judgments:  
For Judgments recovered against the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, not otherwise provided for..... 350,000 00  
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Expenses of..... \$2,000 00

## THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

CONTINGENCIES—LAW DEPARTMENT.....	\$35,000 00	
CONTINGENCIES—CORPORATION ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.....	500 00	
CONTINGENCIES—PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE.....	1,000 00	
SALARIES—LAW DEPARTMENT:		
(Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.)		
Salary of the Counsel to the Corporation.....	\$15,000 00	
Salaries of Assistants, Clerks and Messengers .....	65,000 00	
	<hr/>	80,000 00
(Bureau of Corporation Attorney.)		
Salary of Corporation Attorney..	\$6,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks, Assistants and Janitor .....	6,000 00	
	<hr/>	12,000 00
(Bureau of Public Administrator.)		
Salary of Public Administrator.....	\$5,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks and Assistants....	3,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,000 00
Salaries—Bureau of the Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes.		
Salary of the Attorney.....	\$5,000 00	
Salary of the Clerk.....	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	6,500 00
	<hr/>	\$106,500 00
	<hr/>	\$143,000 00

## THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

AQUEDUCT--REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.....	\$100,000 00
BOULEVARDS, ROADS AND AVENUES, MAINTENANCE OF	30,000 00
CONTINGENCIES—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS...	2,000 00
FLAGGING SIDEWALKS AND FENCING VACANT LOTS IN FRONT OF CITY PROPERTY .....	1,000 00
FREE FLOATING BATHS.....	12,000 00
LAMPS AND GAS.....	530,000 00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS—CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS INCLUDING REPAIRS TO ARMORIES.....	35,000 00

PUBLIC DRINKING-HYDRANTS.....	\$3,000 00
REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS IN STREETS AND AVENUES.	3,000 00
REPAIRING AND RENEWALS OF PIPES, STOP-COCKS, &C.	75,000 00
REPAVING STREETS AND AVENUES UNDER CHAPTER 476, LAWS OF 1875.....	300,000 00
REPAIRS AND RENEWAL OF PAVEMENTS.....	150,000 00
ROADS AND AVENUES AND SPRINKLING.....	15,000 00
SALARIES—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.....	90,000 00
SEWERS—REPAIRING AND CLEANING.....	50,000 00
SUPPLYING WATER TO SHIPPING, AND FOR BUILD- ING PURPOSES.....	8,000 00
STREET IMPROVEMENTS—FOR STREET SIGNS, &C....	1,000 00
SUPPLIES FOR AND CLEANING PUBLIC OFFICES, IN- CLUDING THE PURCHASE OF LAW BOOKS.....	75,600 00
WELLS AND PUMPS—REPAIRING AND CLEANING ..	2,000 00
BRIDGE ACROSS FOURTH AVENUE, AT ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH STREET, UNDER CHAPTER 393, LAWS OF 1878.....	17,500 00
	<hr/> \$1,500,100 00

#### THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

##### MAINTENANCE AND GOVERNMENT OF PARKS AND PLACES:

FOR SALARIES—To pay entirely the salaries of the president, clerks, engineers, architects and all other employees of the department, excepting mechanics, gardeners, and laborers and their foremen employed on the work of maintaining the Parks and Places, excepting also the Topographical Engineer and his assistants in charge of surveying, monumenting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer-in-Charge of public places, roads, avenues and bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....

\$35,000 00

POLICE—Salaries of Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeants, Patrolmen, Post and Gate-Keepers, and Night Watchmen.....

75,000 00



<b>FOR SUPPLIES.</b> —For all supplies for the Department of Public Charities and Correction, including \$40,000 for support of Out-door Poor, and for Maintenance of Children transferred from Randall's Island Nursery to various institutions .....	750,000 00	
<b>For Repairs and Alterations to Buildings and Apparatus.</b> .....	25,000 00	
<b>For Poor Adult Blind.</b> .....	20,000 00	
	<hr/>	1,090,000 00

#### THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

##### HEALTH FUND:

<b>For salaries.</b> .....	\$100,000 00	
“ law expenses, including Marshals' Fees. ....	1,500 00	
“ Disinfection. ....	7,500 00	
“ Contingent expenses. ....	2,000 00	
“ Removal of Night Soil, Offal and Dead Animals. ....	40,000 00	
	<hr/>	151,000 00

##### FUND FOR SMALL POX HOSPITAL AND CARE OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES :

<b>For Salaries.</b> ... ..	\$8,000 00	
“ Supplies. ....	16,000 00	
	<hr/>	24,000 00
	<hr/>	175,000 00

#### THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

##### POLICE FUND:

<b>For salaries of Commissioners of Police.</b> .....	\$26,000 00	
<b>For salary of Superintendent of Police.</b> .....	6,000 00	
<b>For salaries of 4 Inspectors of Police.</b> ... ..	14,000 00	
<b>For salaries of 19 Surgeons.</b> .....	42,750 00	
<b>For salaries of 36 Captains, at \$2,000 each.</b> .....	72,000 00	
<b>For salaries of 144 Sergeants, at \$1,600 each.</b> ....	230,400 00	
<b>For salaries of 2,261 Patrolmen, at \$1,200 each.</b> ....	2,713,200 00	
<b>For salaries of 78 Doormen, at \$900 each.</b> .....	70,200 00	
<b>For salaries of Clerks, Deputies, Stenographers, Superintendent of Telegraph, Telegraph Operators, Messengers, Cleaners, Steamboat and all other employees.</b> .....	40,000 00	
	<hr/>	3,142,550 00

## STATION-HOUSES—RENTS :

	Name of Lessors.	For what Purpose.	Location of Premises.	Expiration of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be Provided in 1878.
4	Peter Goelet and others..	29th Precinct Police.....	No. 34 East 29th street..	1885. May 1	\$1,500 00	{ Croton water taxes and assessments. \$1,500 00
1	Joseph H. Godwin.....	35th Precinct Police.....	Twenty-fourth Ward.....	1885. Aug. 1	1,700 00	{ All taxes, Croton repairs, &c., 1,700 00
10	John Theiss..	30th Precinct Police.....	Lawrence st., bet. Broadway and 10th ave.. Manhattanville..	1880. May 1	1,450 00	{ Croton water, 1,450 00
8	Peter and Robert Goelet..	1st Precinct Police.....	Nos. 52 and 54 New street..	1880. May 1	4,500 00	{ Croton and all taxes and repairs, 4,500 00
17	Charles E. Quackenbush.	Inspector's Office, 3d District.....	Rooms Nos. 1 and 2. Third avenue and 86th st., Parera Hall...	1879. May 1	480 00	480 00
8	Herman T. Livingston..	Inspector's Office, 4th District.....	Eighth ave., near south-east corner of 130th st..	1879. May 1	420 00	Repairs..... 420 00
10	Helen R. Perkins and others.....	Inspector's Office, 2d District.....	First story of No. 112 West 14th street..	1879. May 1	900 00	900 00
Add for Repairs, Croton Water Rents, etc.....						\$10,950 00 1 000 00 \$11,950 00

**POLICE STATION-HOUSES:**

Alterations, fitting up, additions to, and repairs of station-houses, steamboat <i>Seneca</i> , and Central Department. . . . .	\$20,000 00
Supplies for Police. . . . .	60,000 00

**CLEANING STREETS UNDER POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

For salaries of clerks, inspectors, foremen, steamboat superintendents, and employees, wages of sweepers, laborers, watchmen, trimmers, cart-drivers and hostlers; expenses for hired carts, supplies, new scows, harness, horses, and carts, rent of stables, and all expenses for this purpose; including \$7,500 for scows to receive the ashes, garbage or rubbish from the steamers plying in the Harbor of New York, as provided by chapter 148, Laws of 1875; and including a sum not exceeding \$40,000 for removing snow and ice. . . . .	650,000 00
	<hr/> \$3,956,500 00

**THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.****FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND;**

For salaries, viz.:

Headquarters pay-roll. . . . .	\$42,400 00
Telegraph force pay-roll. . . . .	27,720 00
Repair shop pay-roll. . . . .	40,000 00
Bureau of combustibles pay-roll. . . . .	12,200 00
Bureau of fire marshal pay-roll. . . . .	7,200 00
Bureau of chief of department pay-roll. . . . .	32,700 00
Superintendent of horses pay-roll. . . . .	7,000 00
Pay of foremen, assistant foremen, engineers, firemen, ladder men and hosemen, of engine and hook and ladder companies and of the fire steamboat . . . . .	875,750 00
	<hr/> \$1,044,970 00

For apparatus, supplies, &amp;c.:

For new apparatus, horses, rents, and all supplies and expenses of the Department not otherwise provided for, including maintenance of fire steamboat, and for buildings, repairs, and alterations. . . . .	170,000 00
	<hr/> 1,214,970 00



## ADVERTISING, PRINTING, STATIONERY, AND BLANK BOOKS.

PUBLICATION OF THE "CITY RECORD".....	\$22,500 00
"CITY RECORD,"—SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES....	7,200 00
ADVERTISING .....	3,500 00

## PRINTING, STATIONERY AND BLANK BOOKS:

For all printing, stationery and Blank Books  
required by the Common Council, the Depart-  
ments and Offices of the City Government,  
except printing the "City Record," includ-  
ing the publishing of Calendars of Courts, un-  
der Chapter 656, Laws of 1874.....

100,000 00

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 \$133,200 00

## MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

## CORONER'S FEES:

Salaries of four Physicians, at \$3,000 each, un-  
der Chapter 256, Laws of 1878.....

\$12,000 00

For fees of coroners, as authorized by Chap-  
ter 565, Laws of 1868; and for salary of  
clerk to the Board of Coroners, as provided  
by Chapter 462, Laws of 1871 .. ..

58,000 00

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 70,000 00

CONTINGENCIES—DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.....

4,000 00

DISBURSEMENTS AND FEES OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND WITNESSES.

EXCLUSIVE OF SHERIFF'S FEES.....

5,000 00

ELECTION EXPENSES.....

135,000 00

JURORS' FEES—Including expenses of jurors in criminal trials....

35,000 00

## SALARIES—COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS:

For salaries of two Commissioners of Accounts,  
at \$3,000 each.....

\$6,000 00

For clerk hire.....

4,000 00

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 10,000 00

Support of prisoners in County Jail, in pursuance of Chapter 251,  
Laws of 1875.....

15,000 00

Sheriff's fees.....

30,000 00

Board of Estimate and Apportionment—Expenses of.....

2,000 00

Salary of the Physician to the Jail of the City and County of New  
York, as provided for in the new Code of Civil Procedure...

600 00

## THE JUDICIARY.

**SALARIES—CITY COURTS:**

## (Police Courts.)

Salaries of eleven Police Justices.

at \$8,000 each per annum. . . . . \$88,000 00

Salaries of Clerks, Attendants,

Stenographers, interpreters, the

Record Clerk, and Secretary of

the Board of Police Justices. . . . . 62,600 00

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\$150,600 00

## (District Courts.)

Salaries of nine District Court

Justices, at \$6,000 each per

annum, and one at \$8,000 per

annum . . . . . \$62,000 00

Salaries of clerks, stenographers,

interpreters, and attendants. . . . . 117,200 00

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179,200 00

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\$329,800 00**SALARIES—JUDICIARY:**

## (The Supreme Court.)

Five Justices, at \$11,500 each. . . . . \$57,500 00

Clerks, criers, stenographers and

librarian. . . . . 34,500 00

Twenty-four attendants, at \$1,200

each. . . . . 28,800 00

Compensation of judges from other

districts. . . . . 5,000 00

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\$125,800 00

## (The Superior Court.)

Six Justices, at \$15,000 each. . . . . \$90,000 00

Clerks, assistants, and stenograph-

ers. . . . . 46,200 00

Fourteen attendants, at \$1,200

each. . . . . 16,800 00

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153,000 00

## (The Court of Common Pleas.)

Six Justices, at \$15,000 each. . . . . \$90,000 00

Clerks, assistants, and stenograph-

ers. . . . . 48,000 00

Fifteen attendants, at \$1,200. . . . . 18,000 00

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156,000 00

## (The Marine Court.)

Six Justices, at \$10,000 each....	\$60,000 00	
Stenographers and interpreters ..	7,500 00	
Clerks, deputy clerks, and assistant clerks.....	33,500 00	
Thirteen attendants, at \$1,200 each.....	15,600 00	
	<hr/>	\$116,600 00

(The Court of General Sessions and Oyer  
and Terminer.)

Clerk.....	\$7,000 00	
Deputy clerk.....	5,000 00	
Assistant clerk.....	3,000 00	
Two additional deputy clerks, one at \$2,500 and one at \$1,200. ..	3,700 00	
Stenographer.....	2,500 00	
Additional stenographer.....	2,000 00	
Interpreter.....	2,500 00	
Additional interpreter.....	1,200 00	
Thirty-six attendants, at \$1,200 each..	43,200 00	
	<hr/>	70,100 00

## (The Court of Special Sessions.)

Clerk.....	\$6,000 00	
Deputy clerk.....	5,000 00	
Stenographer.....	2,500 00	
Interpreter .....	2,000 00	
Three subpoena servers at \$2,000 each.....	6,000 00	
Messenger.....	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	23,000 00

## (The County Clerk's Office.)

County clerk, deputies, assistants, clerks and messenger.....	40,725 00
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## (The Surrogate's Office.)

The Surrogate .....	\$12,000 00	
Chief clerk, clerks, assistants, stenographers, attendants, and messenger.....	35,000 00	
	<hr/>	47,000 00

## (The District Attorney's Office.)

The District Attorney.....	\$12,000 00	
Assistants, clerks, stenographers, and messenger.....	55,000 00	
	<hr/>	7,000 00



**HEBREW BENEVOLENT AND ORPHAN ASYLUM SOCIETY:**

(Chapter 230, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of inmates 295, at  
 \$110 each per annum. . . . . \$32,450 00

**HUDSON RIVER STATE HOSPITAL:**

(Chapter 446, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 3, at \$4.50  
 per week each and expenses. . . . . 780 00

**INSTITUTION FOR IMPROVED INSTRUCTION OF DEAF  
MUTES:**

(Chapter 725, Laws of 1867.)

(Chapter 180, Laws of 1870.)

(Chapter 218, Laws of 1875.)

For education and support of 35  
 county pupils, at \$300 each. . . . . \$10,500 00  
 For clothing of 15 State pupils, at  
 \$80 each. . . . . 450 00  


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 10,950 00

**INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND:**

(Chapter 166, Laws of 1870.)

For clothing 125 pupils, at \$50 each. . . . . 6,250 00

**LE COUTEULX ST. MARY'S INSTITUTION FOR THE IM-  
PROVED INSTRUCTION OF DEAF MUTES IN THE CITY  
OF BUFFALO:**

(Chapter 548, Laws of 1871.)

For education and support of 2 county  
 pupils, at \$300 each. . . . . \$600 00  
 For clothing of 1 State pupil. . . . . 30 00  


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 630 00

**NEW YORK CATHOLIC PROTECTORY:**

(Chapter 647, Laws of 1866.)

(Chapter 428, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 2,150,  
 at \$110 per annum each. . . . . 236,500 00

**NEW YORK INFANT ASYLUM:**

(Chapter 263, Laws of 1872.)

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1876.)

(Chapter 90, Laws of 1877.)

Estimated average number of chil-  
 dren 175, at 38 cents per day  
 each. . . . . \$24,272 50

Estimated number of obstetrical cases in lying-in wards, 80, at \$25 each.....	\$2,000 00	
Estimated number of homeless or needy mothers nursing their own infants, 40, at \$18 each per month.....	8,640 00	
	<hr/>	\$34,912 50

**NEW YORK INFIRMARY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN:**

(Chapter 101, Laws of 1877.)

Estimated number of obstetrical cases 80, at \$25 each.....	\$2,000 00	
Estimated average number of homeless and needy mothers nursing their own infants, 3, at \$18 each per month.....	648 00	
	<hr/>	2,648 00

**NEW YORK JUVENILE ASYLUM:**

(Chapter 245, Laws of 1866.)

Estimated number of inmates, 750, at \$110 per annum each.....	82,500 00
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**NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB:**

(Chapter 325, Laws of 1863.)

(Chapter 386, Laws of 1864.)

(Chapter 721, Laws of 1867.)

(Chapter 253, Laws of 1874.)

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1875.)

For furnishing clothing for 100 State pupils, at \$30 each.....	\$3,000 00	
For education and support of 58 county pupils, at \$300 each.....	17,400 00	
	<hr/>	20,400 00

**NEW YORK MAGDALEN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY:**

(Chapter 409, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 36, at \$110 per year each .....	3,960 00
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**NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF THE RUP-  
TURED AND CRIPPLED:**

(Chapter 835, Laws of 1872.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 175, at  
\$150 each per annum..... \$26,250 00

**NEW YORK STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM:**

(Chapter 135, Laws of 1842.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 2, at  
\$250 per annum each..... 500 00

**NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL:**

(Chapter 650, Laws of 1866.)

(Chapter 366, Laws of 1869.)

(Chapter 643, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of chil-  
dren, 465, at \$120 each per  
annum..... \$55,800 00

Estimated average number of lying-  
in women, 170, at \$260 each  
per annum..... 44,200 00

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100,000 00

**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL HOUSE OF MERCY:**

(Chapter 409, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 28, at  
\$110 each per annum..... 3,080 00

**ROMAN CATHOLIC HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:**

(Chapter 409, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 116, at  
\$110 each per annum..... 12,760 00

**ST. JOSEPH'S IMPROVED INSTITUTE FOR THE INSTRU-  
CTION OF DEAF MUTES:**

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1875.)

(Chapter 378, Laws of 1877.)

For education and support of 40  
county pupils, at \$300 per annum  
each..... \$12,000 00

For clothing of 24 State pupils at  
\$30 each..... 720 00

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12,720 00







ment of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Wednesday, November 6, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated November 6, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
November 6, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor :*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Wednesday, the 6th instant, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 6th day of November, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



*Resolved*, That the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation for the year 1877, entitled, "Interest on the City Debt," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made for the Department of Public Parks for the year 1878, entitled, "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—for all supplies, and for wages, etc.," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*



of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Saturday, November 9, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated November 8, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE }  
November 8, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor :*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on Saturday, November 9, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of taking action on any business that may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,  
JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 8th day of November, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

W. R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessment.*



year 1879, and \$819,606.55 less than the amount of the appropriations in the Final Estimate for the year 1878, as shown by the following comparative table :

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.	AMOUNTS ALLOWED IN FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1878.	AMOUNTS ASKED FOR IN DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES FOR 1879.	AMOUNT ALLOWED IN PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1879.
The Common Council .....	\$107,500 00	\$114,500 00	\$107,250 00
The Mayoralty .....	46,000 00	42,000 00	42,000 00
The Department of Finance.....	225,000 00	242,500 00	225,000 00
State Taxes. ....	3,911,326 66	3,751,062 19	3,751,062 19
Interest on the City Debt.....	9,164,383 65	8,790,153 84	8,790,153 84
Redemption of the City Debt...	1,555,297 60	1,162,599 54	1,165,599 54
Armories and Drill-rooms—			
Rents .....	69,037 50	62,250 00	62,250 00
Judgments .....	300,000 00	400,000 00	350,000 00
Rents (Leases in Force).....	70,175 00	61,200 00	61,200 00
The Law Department.....	148,000 00	143,000 00	143,000 00
The Department of Public			
Works .....	1,611,100 00	1,796,500 00	1,500,100 00
The Department of Public			
Parks .....	341,000 00	667,920 00	356,000 00
The Department of Buildings..	70,000 00	75,000 00	70,000 00
The Department of Public			
Charities and Correction.....	1,160,000 00	1,355,541 00	1,090,000 00
The Health Department .....	190,000 00	218,416 00	175,000 00
The Police Department .....	3,999,895 00	4,106,611 25	3,956,500 00
The Fire Department.....	1,220,870 00	1,291,842 50	1,214,970 00
The Department of Taxes and			
Assessments .....	108,900 00	106,800 00	106 800 00
The Board of Education.....	3,400,000 00	3,584,000 00	3,400,000 00
The College of the City of New			
York.....	135,000 00	140,000 00	135,000 00
Advertising, Printing, Station-			
ery, and Blank Books.....	133,000 00	161,200 00	133,200 00
Salaries—City Courts .....	329,800 00	336,400 00	329,800 00
Salaries—Judiciary .....	853,225 00	864,025 00	850,225 00
Coroners' Fees.....	70,000 00	80,000 00	70,000 00
Sheriff's Fees .....	30,000 00	40,000 00	30,000 00
Election Expenses .....	135,000 00	143,500 00	135,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	170,726 15	92,870 00	92,120 00
Asylums, Reformatories, and			
Charitable Institutions.....	948,840 50	1,120,181 50	942,240 00
Total .....	\$30,104,077 12	\$30,956,072 82	\$29,284,470 57

*Second.*—The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has no control whatever over the appropriations required for the



*Third.*—The Departmental Estimates have been reduced as above stated, because the amount appropriated for the purposes and objects of each Department is believed to be sufficient, under a prudent and economical management of its affairs, to provide for all proper expenditures and secure the public interests.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative.*—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }  
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }  
 NEW YORK, November 7, 1878.

HON. SMITH ELY, JR..

*Mayor and Chairman of Board of Estimate and Apportionment:*

Sir,—To enable this Department to meet necessary expenditures for the protection of the public baths and for flagging sidewalks in front of city property, I would request that the following sums be transferred from the appropriation for “Street Improvements—For Street Signs, etc.,” for 1878, for the purposes of which they are not required, viz. :

To the appropriation for “Flagging Sidewalks and Fencing Vacant Lots in Front of City Property,” for 1878, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100).



The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-nine hundred and ninety dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations made for the year 1877, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

" City Contingencies " . . . . .	\$2,735 94
" Contingencies—Clerk of the Common Council "	254 06
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Total . . . . .	\$2,990 00
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—to the appropriation made for the year 1878, for " Salaries—Common Council," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative.*—*The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*



Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, November 12, 1878, at 12 o'clock, M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated November 11, 1878.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*Acting Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }

November 11, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, November 12, 1878, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of taking action on any business that may be brought before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 11th day of November, 1878.

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WM. R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



before Alexander W. Harvey as Referee, and upon his death transferred to Hon. Henry E. Davies, and has been going on ever since before him.

As you are aware, special counsel have been retained in these cases. Soon after my accession to the office, I realized the necessity for special attention to these cases, and for the last two years, in addition to the special counsel retained, I have had two men in this office almost exclusively engaged, under my direction, in the investigation of the facts, and in the preparation of the City's defense against the claims. It is an extremely difficult case, where a claimant has bills duly certified, so as to make a *prima facie* case for recovery without himself producing any other evidence but the bills, to make out such a case of fraud as to be able to set aside and destroy the plaintiff's case. I cannot say, with reference to most of the claims, that I have any evidence upon which I could predicate with certainty what the action of the courts and jury would be. With reference to the claim of \$268,000, which has been in active litigation before Hon. Henry E. Davies as Referee, I think the city has made a case sufficient to defeat all but about fifty thousand dollars of the claim, and I have expectations of being able to defeat a considerable portion of the remainder.

Not long since as you are aware, I obtained the necessary authority from the Attorney-General of the State, and brought an action in behalf of the State against these same parties, to recover back amounts paid them upon fraudulent bills in 1868, 1869, and 1870. A considerable portion of the amount sued for would, I think, be recovered in that action, although the counsel for the defendants express themselves as very confident of defeating the claims, and have urged the trial of the cases; and of course the result of any litigation is not without doubt.

I have from time to time made efforts at a compromise of all the suits, but have heretofore been unsuccessful in that respect. The plaintiffs in these suits have, as you are aware, been in custody now for about two months, under the order of



**SCHEDULE OF THE CLAIMS OF WM. C. ROGERS AND J. JARVIS JONES, AS SURVIVORS OF E. JONES & Co.,**  
**AND W. C. ROGERS & Co.**

No.	SUIT BEGUN.	COURT.	CLAIMS FOR	AMOUNT.	INTEREST TO NOVEMBER 6, 1878.	TOTAL.
1	1872. Nov. 6.....	Supreme .....	Printing, etc., Common Council, 1868.....	\$268,490 03	From Jan. 1, 1869, \$185,013 56	\$453,503 59
2	Dec. 29.....	Superior.....	Printing, etc., Common Council, 1869.....	368,214 05	From Jan. 1, 1870, 228,037 00	596,251 05
3	Dec. 31.....	Common Pleas.	Printing, etc., Common Council, 1870.....	145,044 50	From May 1, 1870, 86,442 48	231,486 98
4	1873. Feb. 27.....	Supreme .....	Stationery, etc., for Depart- ments in 1869 and 1870.....	323,609 42	From May 1, 1870, 192,925 13	516,534 55
5	Feb. 27.....	Supreme .....	Printing, etc., Common Council, 1870.....	20,252 27	From May 1, 1870, 12,069 78	32,322 05
6	1875. April 16.....	Supreme .....	Stationery, etc., for County Offices, 1868 and 1869.....	94,913 30	From Jan. 1, 1870, 58,780 31	153,693 61
				\$1,220,523 57	Grand Total.....	\$1,983,791 83



Know all men by these presents, That we, J. Jarvis Jones, of Fairfield, Connecticut, and William C. Rogers, of the City of New York, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to us in hand paid by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby individually, and on behalf of the late firms of "E. Jones & Co.," and "W. C. Rogers & Co.," release and forever discharge the said the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, of and from all actions, causes of actions, suits, controversies, claims and demands, whatsoever belonging or accruing to us, either individually or as survivors of the late firms of "E. Jones & Co.," and "W. C. Rogers & Co.," or to said firms for or by reason of any matter, cause, or thing from the beginning of the world down to the day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this eighth day of November, 1878.

In presence of B. Fitzsimmons.

E. JONES & CO., by J. JARVIS JONES.	[L. S.]
W. C. ROGERS & CO., by J. J. JONES.	[L. S.]
J. JARVIS JONES.	[L. S.]
E. JONES & CO., by WILLIAM C. ROGERS.	[L. S.]
W. C. ROGERS & CO., by WILLIAM C. ROGERS.	[L. S.]
WILLIAM C. ROGERS.	[L. S.]

State of New York, County of New York, ss. :

On this eighth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, before me personally came J. Jarvis Jones and William C. Rogers, to me known, and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the



of the repairs of the streets so long as the season will permit. I am desirous of continuing this work until the frost shall compel me to relinquish the effort. Accordingly, the transfer of the amount herein named from the appropriation of "Repaving under chapter 476, Laws of 1875," for 1878, which is of a kindred nature, and is a surplus balance to "Repairs and Renewal of Pavements" for 1878, \$7,000, and to "Boulevard, Roads and Avenues—Maintenance of," for 1878, \$1,000 will enable this Department to continue the prosecution of this much needed work.

I therefore request that the said amounts be transferred from "Repaving under chapter 476, Laws of 1875," for 1878, the same being in excess of the amount needed therefor.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

*Commissioner of Public Works.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of eight thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made to the department of Public Works for the year 1878, entitled, "Repaving, under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations made to the same Department for the year 1878, which are insufficient, viz.:

"Repairs and Renewal of Pavements" .....	\$7,000 00
"Boulevards, Roads and Avenues, Maintenance of".	1,000 00
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Total .....	\$8,000 00
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York,  
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—4.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*





Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Friday, November 22, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated November 21, 1878.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,  
*Acting Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
November 21, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, the 22d instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$100,000 "Croton Water Main Stock," under Chapter 477, Laws of 1875, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,  
JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 21st day of November, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WM. R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



—towards paying the necessary expenses of the Department until January 1, 1878, as follows :

Feeding of Horses .....	\$1,575 00
Coal for Station Houses.....	2,700 00
Coal for Steamer " Seneca ".....	400 00
Incidental Expenses.....	1,000 00
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Total.....	\$5,675 00

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP,

*First Deputy Clerk.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of thirty-one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and thirty-three cents, be, and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations made to the Police Department for the year 1877, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

" Supplies for Police ".....	\$526 03
" Police Station-houses—alterations, fitting up, ad- ditions to, and repairs, etc".....	593 96
" Cleaning Streets—Under Police Department " ..	2,068 34
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Total.....	\$3,188 33

—to the appropriation made to the Police Department for 1878, entitled " Supplies for Police," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }  
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL. }

NEW YORK, November 15, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor and Chairman Board of*

*Estimate and Apportionment :*

Sir,—To enable this Department to meet such expenditures as are absolutely necessary for the care and protection of the aqueducts and reservoirs, an additional sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) is required for the appropriation for “Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance,” for 1878, and I would therefore request that this sum be transferred to said appropriation from the appropriation for “Repaving under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875,” for 1878, for the purposes of which it is not needed.

I have also to state that the appropriation for “Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices” for 1878, is not sufficient to enable the Department to meet the demands and needs of the various departments, courts, and offices for supplies, and I would therefore request that the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) be transferred to that appropriation from the appropriation for “Public Buildings, Construction and Repairs” for 1878, the said sum being in excess of the requirements of the latter appropriation.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

*Commissioner of Public Works.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the sum of four thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the following appropriations made to the Department of Public Works for the year 1878, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :



authorized by Chapter 477, Laws of 1875, to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, on account of requisition made by the Department of Public Works, dated May 20, 1878.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the  
• President of the Board of Aldermen, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and As-  
sessments—4.*

The CHAIRMAN presented a communication from the Superintendent of Buildings, asking for the transfer of an appropriation.

Which was referred to, and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,

*Secretary.*



May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Saturday, November 30, 1878, at 12 o'clock, M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated November 29, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
November 29, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Saturday, November 30, 1878, at 12 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of transacting any business that may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,  
JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 29th day of November, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*  
JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WM. R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*  
JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of*  
*Taxes and Assessments,*



To the Bureau of Combustibles Pay roll—Five hundred and fifty-one dollars (\$551).

To the Bureau of Fire Marshall's Pay-roll—Seven hundred and fifty-eight dollars and thirty-three cents (\$758.33).

To the Superintendent of Horses Pay-roll—Twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200).

—for each of which the appropriation is insufficient.

Very respectfully,

VINCENT C. KING,

*President.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand one hundred and eighty-four dollars and forty-nine cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made to the Fire Department for the year 1878, entitled "Pay of Foremen, Assistant Foremen, Engineers, Firemen, &c.," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations made to the said Department for the year 1873, which are insufficient, viz.:

"Headquarters Pay-roll" .....	\$1,095 38
"Repair Shop Pay-roll" .....	579 78
"Bureau of Combustibles Pay-roll" .....	551 00
"Bureau of Fire Marshall Pay-roll" .....	758 33
"Superintendent of Horses Pay-roll" .....	1,200 00
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Total .....	\$4,184 49
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :



amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof,  
viz. :

“For Salaries of Physicians employed to visit the tenement houses during the extreme hot weather of 1878” .....	\$50 00
“For Expenses of Inspecting fruit” .....	357 26
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Total .....	\$407 26
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—to the appropriation made to said Department for the year 1878, entitled “Health Fund—for Contingent Expenses,” which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the  
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-  
ments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of forty-nine thousand nine hundred and eight dollars and three cents be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made for “Interest on the City Debt,” for the year 1876, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations, made for*



The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
 300 MULBERRY STREET. }  
 NEW YORK, November 26, 1878. }

*The Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held **this** day, it was

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment **be** respectfully requested to correct the transfer of unexpended balance, made as per request of this Board, dated November 22, 1878, from account of Street Cleaning for 1877, from \$2,068.34 to \$1,068.34, a clerical error of \$1,000 having been made in the former request.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Police hereby consent that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transfer from the unexpended balance of "Salary Account," for 1876 and 1877 of the Police Department, to the "Contingent Fund" of the Law Department, the following sums, viz., one thousand dollars for 1876, and two hundred dollars for 1877.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP,

*First Deputy Clerk.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted by this Board on November 22, 1878, making a transfer of \$3,188.33 from certain unexpended balances of appropriations made to the Police Department for the year 1877, to the appropriation for "Supplies for Police," for the year 1878, be and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed.



*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and  
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-  
ments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolu-  
tion :

*Resolved, That the sum of twelve hundred dollars be and the  
same is hereby transferred from the following appropria-  
tions, made to the Police Department for the years 1876  
and 1877, which are in excess of the amounts required for  
the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :*

"Police Fund" 1876.....	\$1,000 00
"Police Fund" 1877.....	200 00
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Total .....	\$1,200 00

to the appropriation made to the Law Department for the  
year 1878, entitled "Contingencies—Law Department,"  
which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would  
agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following  
vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York,  
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—4.*

**The Secretary presented a communication from Rev. G. W. Mackie, relating to prison reform.**

**Also a petition from the Central Taxpayers' Association.**

**Which were referred to, and original papers sent to Comptroller.**

**On motion, the Board adjourned.**

**JOHN WHEELER,**  
*Secretary.*





May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Monday, December 9, 1878, at 1 o'clock, p. m., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated December 7, 1878.

W. R. ROBERTS,  
*Acting Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
December 7, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor,*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Monday, November 9, 1878, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of transacting any business hat may be brought before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 7th day of December, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

WM. R. ROBERTS,  
*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments*



government of this City, and the requirements of the law by which the Commissioners of Docks are required to obtain the money necessary to conduct the department.

The Council of Reform respectfully requests that you will present the same to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for their immediate consideration.

By order of the Council.

Yours, most respectfully,

W. H. WEBB,

*President.*

N. H. BEERS,

*Secretary.*

NEW YORK, December 3, 1878.

WILLIAM H. WEBB, Esq.,

*President of the Council of Reform:*

Sir,—I have examined the papers submitted by you, and the laws relating to the same, in reference to the questions whether the Department of Docks is one of the regular departments of the government of this City, and what laws govern it in regard to the process of obtaining the money required for its yearly expenses.

The conclusions I have come to are, that this is one of the departments of the City Government, without any qualifications; that chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, creating the Department of Docks, and chapter 738 of the Laws of 1872, amending the same, are repealed by the City Charter of 1873, in respect to all that relates to the matter of providing for the expenditures of this Department; that the independence of the Department of Docks as a branch of the City Government which it held previous to the Charter of 1873 is abolished by that charter; and that the Dock Commissioners are required to make the yearly estimate of the amount of money needed by



determine as to the amount which should be expended for this purpose, and this they can only satisfactorily do by having before them a detailed statement showing the names of the officers and employees, their respective duties, with the salary paid to each, and considering these in relation to the work performed or carried on by the Department.

It is also desirable that you should transmit to this Board a statement of the sums received by the Department from all sources (other than the sums paid by the Finance Department), and how the same is disposed of.

Respectfully,  
(Signed) JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, {  
NEW YORK, June 15, 1874. }

Hon. JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment,*  
City of New York :

Sir,—At a meeting of the Board governing this Department, held this day, the following resolution was adopted :

“ *Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in reply to its communication, dated 13th inst., asking for an estimate of the expenses of this Department for the current year, together with a detailed list of all officers and appointees, with their respective duties and salaries, and a statement of the sums received by the Department from all sources, and the disposition of the same, in order that the said Board ‘ may act intelligently upon all applications submitted to them for the issue of bonds for the purposes of the Department,’ be, and the said Board is hereby, respectfully informed :

“ 1. That subdivision 11 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws



Which were referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted by this Board on November 30, 1878, making a transfer of \$1,200 from certain unexpended balances of appropriations made to the Police Department for the years 1876 and 1877, to the appropriation for "Contingencies—Law Department," for the year 1878, be and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman) the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of twelve hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations made to the Police Department for the years 1876 and 1877, which are in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

" Police Fund "—1876 . . . . .	\$1,000 00
" Police Fund "—1877 . . . . .	200 00
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	\$1,200 00

to the following appropriations made to the Law Depart-



John Kelly, in the Court of Sessions in the County of Kings, for a breach of the Health Laws of the City of Brooklyn, in towing scows down the Bay ; also,

*Resolved*, That the Board of Police hereby consent that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transfer from the appropriation made to the Bureau of Street Cleaning of the Police Department of the City of New York, for the year 1878, to the account of "Judgments," the sum of two hundred and forty dollars and seventeen cents, to pay a judgment for salvage and costs obtained in the United States District Court in this district in favor of Thomas S. Burke *vs.* Scow No. 26.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP,  
*First Deputy Clerk.*

and offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of four hundred and ninety dollars and seventeen cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1878, entitled "Cleaning Streets under Police Department," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations, made for the year 1878, which are insufficient, viz. :

"Contingencies—Law Department" . . . .	\$250 00
"Judgments" . . . . .	240 17
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Total . . . . .	<u>\$490 17</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.



to the Police Department for the year 1878, entitled "Cleaning Streets under Police Department," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for the year 1878, entitled "Supplies for Police," which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the  
President of the Board of Aldermen—3.*

*Negative—The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—1.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred and forty dollars and eighty-six cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the "St. Joseph's Asylum in the City of New York" for the support of eighteen children committed by Police Justices, in pursuance of chapter 173, Laws of 1875, and chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from January 29, 1877, to October 31, 1878, aggregating 3,293 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.



The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of four thousand five hundred and nineteen dollars and seventy-two cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund to the “Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominick,” for the support of 184 children in said asylum, committed by Police Justices, under chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from September 1 to November 30, 1878, aggregating 15,819 days, at two dollars per week, being at the rate of about 28 57-100 cents per day for the support of each child, the appropriation being made in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated January 16, 1877.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of six hundred and twenty-six dollars and eighty-six cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the Excise Fund, to the “Ladies’ Deborah Nursery and Child’s Protectory,” for the support of forty-six children, committed by Police Justices, in pursuance of chapter 404, Laws of 1878, from October 1 to November



Which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York  
the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-  
ments—4.*

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communication :

BOARD OF EXCISE,  
209 MULBERRY STREET,  
NEW YORK, December 4, 1878. }

HON. SMITH ELY, Jr.,

*Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

We hereby request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to set aside from the Excise Fund the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the purposes of the Board of Excise.

This is made absolutely necessary by the increased work of the Board, under the Excise Law of 1857, and the frequency of inspections.

We believe that, with this sum at our disposal, we shall be able to make large returns to the City Treasury, by stirring up delinquent dealers who have failed to take out licenses. Our expenses are besides largely increased by the frequency of trials for violations of the Excise Laws, and by suits in court against parties who sell without licenses.

The amount received by us from February 4, 1878, up to December 1, 1878, and paid over to the City Chamberlain, has been \$322,734.

Yours, respectfully,

RICHARD J. MORRISON,  
PHILIP MERKLE,

*Commissioners of Excise.*



Add the following to the appropriations made to the Common Council: For legal expenses incurred by the Common Council in 1878, in defending the members thereof on indictment for passing ordinances relating to pretended obstructions in the streets. Approved by the Common Council by resolution adopted October 14, 1878.....		\$10,000 00
Free Floating Baths, amended as follows: Free Floating Baths, including construction and maintenance of one additional bath, to be located at the Battery.....		23,500 00
Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues—Reduced from \$3,000 to.....		1,500 00
Repairing Streets and Avenues, under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875—Increased from \$300,000 to.....		500,000 00
Public Charities and Correction — Increase amount for support of out-door poor from from \$40,000 to.....		60,000 00
Public Parks--Add new item as follows: Repairing and reflagging walks in and around the City Hall Park and other city parks.....		129,930 00
Supplies for Police—Increase from \$60,000.....		70,000 00
Salaries—City Courts, Police Courts—Add item as follows: Salaries, six janitors.....		7,200 00
Salaries—District Courts—Add Salaries ten janitors.....		12,000 00
Police—Salaries of Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants Post and Gate Keepers, and Night Watchmen, Department of Public Parks—Increase from \$75,000 to.....		110,000 00



thirty thousand dollars, to purchase a site for a police station-house in the Thirtieth Precinct.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP,

*First Deputy Clerk.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
 No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, }  
 NEW YORK, November 23, 1878. }

*To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

Gentlemen,—It appears by the published proceedings of your Board that the sum proposed for account of "Supplies" of the Police Department for the year 1879 is about \$60,000. That sum was appropriated for the present year, and the wants of the Department are such that said amount may not prove sufficient.

Under such circumstances it seems plain that a larger provision ought to be made for 1879. The account of "Supplies" covers a number of items of current expenditure which cannot be diminished or deferred without serious derangement of the public business of the Department.

The Board of Police therefore respectfully request that the appropriation for 1879 be increased by adding thereto the sum of ten thousand dollars at least.

Very respectfully,

S. C. HAWLEY,

*Chief Clerk.*

Which was laid over.

Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell, of the State Board of Charities, appeared before the Board and presented the following communication :



begun, and it is only waste of time and material not to complete it.

Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), to remodel the upper floor of the same asylum, in order to afford single rooms for violent cases. This is a substitute for the amount (\$60,000) asked for by the Board of Public Charities and Correction for the east wing of the asylum, and will be as useful as the proposed wing, if other and cheaper buildings can be provided for the quiet cases.

Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), to rebuild the Lodge on Blackwell's Island, which is totally unfit for insane patients or any other human beings.

Twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500), for two new pavilions for insane women on Hart's Island.

The above demands are the least that can be made for these unhappy beings, deprived of reason, and, under the most favorable circumstances, doomed to great suffering, but here, in this City, forced to endure misery beyond that which their disease renders inevitable, and often condemned to a long life of insanity by the want of proper care in our asylums.

Unless some effective measure of relief is adopted, the City may be roused by some fearful catastrophe, an epidemic, a fire, or other calamity, occurring in one of the asylums and directly traceable to the cruel crowding of hundreds of maniacs into buildings quite unfit for them.

I must still repeat my conviction that very shortly the City will be forced to buy additional land in order to provide for its insane, for the appropriations asked for this year will only afford a temporary relief to the overcrowding.

I must also beg that the appropriations for salaries and supplies may be large enough to provide adequate care and food, and that you will take the trouble to appropriate a special amount for the asylums, in order that no part of what



The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to notify the heads of the several Departments when their appropriation for 1879 will be taken up for consideration, and invite them to be present.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board agreed with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER moved that when the Board adjourns, so to meet on Wednesday, December 11th, 1878, at 10 o'clock M.

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
Secretary



The CHAIRMAN stated that the Board would grant a hearing in reference thereto.

Whereupon Commissioner E. P. WHEELER made a statement relating to the said estimate.

The Board then took up the estimate of the Board of Education.

Whereupon Commissioners WOOD, MANIERRE, and JELLIFFE made statements in reference thereto.

The Board then proceeded to take up for consideration the estimate of the Police Department.

Whereupon Commissioner SMITH made a statement in relation thereto.

The CHAIRMAN offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to furnish this Board, as soon as possible, with his opinion in reference to the salaries of the Police Force under acts of the Legislature, and particularly as to the operation or effect of the provision contained in chapter 861, Laws of 1866, "that whenever the currency of the United States shall attain a par value, in gold, the foregoing salaries, as fixed by this act, shall be reduced twenty per cent."

And put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote.

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and As-  
sessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet to-morrow (December 12th), at 12 o'clock M.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*





The Board then took up the Estimate of the Department of Charities and Correction.

Whereupon Commissioners Cox, Brennan, and Bailey appeared and made statements in reference thereto.

The CHAIRMAN presented a communication from the Department of Public Works, asking for a transfer of an appropriation.

Also a communication from the Board of City Record, asking for a transfer.

Which were referred and the original papers sent to the Comptroller.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Department of Public Parks, asking for the transfer of an appropriation.

Which was referred to and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet on Friday, December 13, 1878, at 12 o'clock M.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*



the sum of twenty-seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eighty-six cents from the following unexpended balances for the year 1877 :

Appropriation—" Publication CITY RECORD," 1877..	\$1,734 44
Appropriation—" CITY RECORD—Salaries and Con- tingencies," 1877.....	25 66
Appropriations—" Printing, Stationery and Black- books," 1877.....	1,038 76
Total.....	<u>\$2,798 86</u>

—to the appropriation made for "Printing, Stationery and Blank-books," for the year 1878, which is insufficient.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES F. WOOD,  
*Supervisor City Record.*

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY,  
*Counsel to the Corporation.*

ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
*Commissioner of Public Works.*

—and offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eighty-six cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations made for the year 1877, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

" Publication of CITY RECORD".....	\$1,734 44
" CITY RECORD—Salaries and Contingencies".....	25 66
" Printing, Stationery and Blank-books".....	1,038 76
Total.....	<u>\$2,798 86</u>



—and offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and seventy-two dollars and eighteen cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1877, entitled “Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places,” which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department, for the year 1877, entitled “Surveying, Laying out, and Monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, etc.” which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessment—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE (Room 19), CITY HALL, }  
NEW YORK, December 12, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

Sir,—This Department is unable to remedy some twenty complaints of obstructions on streets, made by the Police Department, because the appropriation for the removal of ob-



The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of six hundred and sixty dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made for "Salaries—Department of Taxes and Assessments," for the year 1877, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made for "Contingencies — Comptroller's Office," for the year 1878, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The Board then proceeded to take up the Estimate for 1879, for the Law Department, for consideration.

Whereupon the Counsel to the Corporation made a statement in relation thereto, and asked that the sum of \$10,000 be added for the expense of procuring and presenting of evidence relative to frauds prior to January 1, 1872. Also the sum of \$3,000 to meet the expense attending the Pinckney trial.

The Board then took up the Estimate of the Health Department.

Whereupon Professor Chandler and Dr. Janeway made statements in reference thereto.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet on Monday, December 16, 1878, at 12 o'clock m.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*





The Board then took up the estimate of the Department of Public Works.

Whereupon Hon. Allan Campbell presented the following statement :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }  
NEW YORK, December 16, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor and Chairman of Board of Estimate and Appor-  
tionment :*

Sir,—Your Board having now under consideration the final estimate for the year 1879, I would respectfully submit the reasons why certain reductions made in the provisional estimate from the departmental estimate submitted by me should be restored.

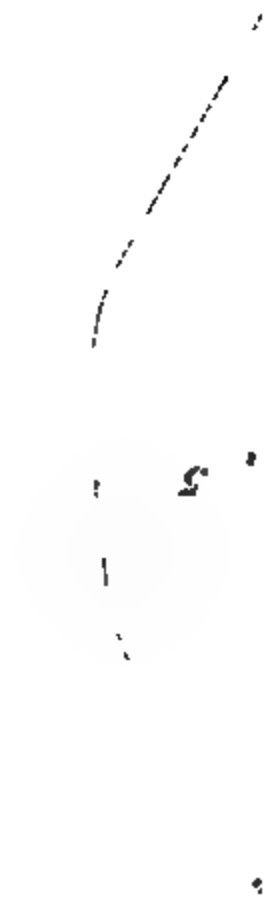
#### AQUEDUCT REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

Departmental Estimate.....	\$115,000 00
Provisional Estimate.....	100,000 00

It seems hardly necessary to repeat the statement so often made in the official reports and communications of the Department, that for some years past it has been necessary to carry through the Aqueduct a much larger quantity of water than the structure was originally designed to convey. The designers and builders of the Aqueduct did not intend that it should ever carry water to a greater depth than about one foot above the spring line of the arch, which would give a daily delivery of about 71,000,000 gallons. For the last ten years, however, the consumption has exceeded that amount, and for several years past it has averaged more than 90,000,000 gallons per day. To supply this demand, the Aqueduct has to be filled to within a few inches of the inner crown of the arch. For some time after the Aqueduct was submitted to the additional



*Plan of Aqueduct  
as built over low ground*



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*Plan as being changed*

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would have had serious apprehensions of a breach of one of these places.

It cannot be the intention of your Board to withhold from this Department the necessary means to protect so essential an interest as the safety of our water supply. Yet, such may be the case if the appropriation is made less than the Department estimate.

The following is a statement of the appropriations and expenditures for the maintenance of the Aqueduct and reservoirs for the past eight years.

In 1871.....	average	\$140,000 00	\$172,000 00
In 1872.....	"		130,000 00
In 1873.....	"		125,000 00
In 1874.....	"		125,000 00
In 1875.....	"		140,000 00
In 1876.....			103,500 00
In 1877.....			103,000 00
In 1878.....			112,000 00

—which shows that the annual appropriation prior to 1876 averaged \$140,000, while for the past three years it has been but \$100,000, though slightly increased by transfers from other branches of the Department.

For the reasons given, I trust the Board will not reduce the amount asked, viz., \$115,000. A considerably greater sum might be advantageously expended, but in order to keep the estimates as low as possible, I have fixed upon the sum above named.

#### BOULEVARDS, ROADS, AND AVENUES, MAINTENANCE OF.

Departmental Estimate.....	\$45,000 00
Provisional Estimate.....	30,000 00

At the close of the year 1874 there were in use 720,000 square yards of boulevards or Macadam roadways (17½ miles)



may require immediate measures and expenditures not provided for in the other appropriations. As an instance of this kind, I will mention that this year it became necessary to make surveys and borings on First avenue, between Ninety-second and One Hundred and Ninth streets, at an expense of over \$900, to obtain evidence for the City in a suit involving over \$500,000, whereby a large sum may be saved to the City. There was no other fund or appropriation out of which this could have been paid. The appropriation should therefore be increased in place of being diminished.

FREE FLOATING BATHS.

Departmental Estimate.....	\$13,500 00
Provisional Estimate.....	12,000 00

The Department estimate is at the rate of \$2,917 for each of the six baths, while the average cost of maintaining the baths for the past four years was \$4,100 each per annum. The force of attendants has already been reduced to the full extent consistent with the preservation of the baths, the maintenance of order, and the proper accommodation of bathers. Further reduction means less accommodation for the public who patronize these useful institutions and inadequate means to preserve public property.

PUBLIC DRINKING HYDRANTS.

Departmental Estimate.....	\$4,000 00
Provisional Estimate.....	3,000 00

Within the last few years many demands have been made by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and by the public, for the erection of additional drinking hydrants, and a number of resolutions have been passed by the Common Council, directing me to erect new ones in various parts of



The title of this appropriation, which has been established by usage for many years, does not convey a full idea of the many demands which it is intended to cover. It is intended for the repairs and maintenance of the entire system for distributing Croton water, comprising at this time 449 miles of iron pipes, 4,500 fire hydrants, and 3,538 stop-cocks, to which large additions are constantly made. The pipes and stop-cocks in the lower part of the City have been in use from 25 to 36 years, and those which are contiguous to the water-front are corroded from contact with salt water, so as to render them unsafe, and requiring frequent repairs and renewals. The number of fire hydrants below Fourteenth street has been doubled in the last ten years. Unskilled men, employed by the Street Cleaning Bureau, now have authority to open them, and the effect is frequent breakage and increased expense for repairs.

Hitherto the distributing system has been divided into three districts—one south of Houston street; one from Houston to Fifty-ninth street; and one north of Fifty-ninth street, with a foreman and a gang of workmen in each district to attend to repairs. In 1874 the upper district was more than doubled in territory by the annexation of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and within the past six years the extent of Croton pipes in the district has been trebled or quadrupled. It would be erroneous to assume that the new pipes laid in this district require no attention or repairs. They are liable to settlement, and to injury from excavations, blasting and other operations so extensively carried on for public and private improvements in that part of the City. It is now absolutely necessary to organize another repair gang and another district. This cannot be properly done if the appropriation is reduced below the Department estimate; and if it is left at the figure set down in the Provisional Estimate, the repair force will have to be reduced instead of being increased.



tent they shall be postponed and the streets suffered to remain as they are.

Every member of the Board is as well acquainted with the disgraceful condition of our pavements as I am, and all know that the only method of renovation is by liberal appropriations and steady work each year for several years to come. Of the 330 mile of paved streets nearly 100 miles require entire renewal. The worthless wooden pavements will probably be entirely replaced by the close of 1879, but there are many miles of rough and worn-out cobble and small block pavements which should be replaced by improved pavements at the earliest possible day. Even with an appropriation of \$500,000 per annum, several years will be required to perfect the whole work.

The arguments for appropriations of not less than \$500,000 a year for this work are:

1st.—That in the interest of health and commerce it is an absolute necessity.

2d. That the fractional addition to the tax levy for \$500,000 instead of \$300,000 (one-fiftieth of one per cent.) is insignificant in comparison with the great benefits to be attained, and I have heard but one opinion expressed by taxpayers in reference to this subject, and that is in favor of the full appropriation.

3d. The sooner the streets are well paved, the sooner will the cost of repairs and street cleaning be reduced.

4th. Labor is abundant at this time, and materials are cheap. The substantial block pavements put down during the past two years, and which stand the traffic well and are doing good services, have cost on an average not exceeding \$1.90 per square yard for granite, and \$1.40 for trap; the blocks in both cases being of the same dimensions and of oblong shape.



1874 .....	\$150,000 00
1875 .....	150,000 00
1876 .....	110,000 00
1877 .....	100,000 00
1878 .....	95,000 00

In the meantime the duties and business of the Department were increased by the annexation of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and the consolidation of the City and County Governments.

In my opinion the reduction of employees and salaries has already been carried as far as consistent with the efficiency of the Department, unless there is to be a general reduction in the scale or rate of salaries throughout the City.

#### SEWERS—REPAIRING AND CLEANING.

Departmental Estimate.....	\$60,000 00
Provisional Estimate.....	50,000 00

Up to the year 1873 the Department had, in addition to the regular appropriation for cleaning and repairing sewers, the receipts for sewer permits, amounting to about \$20,000 per annum ; and until December 31, 1875, it was authorized to expend not exceeding \$100,000 per annum for repairing and rebuilding sewers out of "Sewer Repair Stock." Since January 1, 1876, the whole expense of cleaning and repairing sewers and basins falls upon this appropriation. Up to January 2, 1877, the cleaning of receiving basins alone cost \$48,000 per annum, under a contract, being four-fifths of the amount now asked for the maintenance of the whole sewerage system. The unclean condition of the streets causes large deposits in the basins and sewers, and the expense of cleaning them will consume a considerable part of the amount asked, leaving an inadequate margin for repairs. Many of the old sewers in the lower part of the City require extensive repairs, and some of

**the up-town sewers should be thoroughly overhauled to prevent serious evils.**

**The danger to public health from obstructions in the sewerage is too great to admit the curtailing of the necessary means to keep the whole system in a state of efficiency.**

**The annexed table shows how much the expenditures for these purposes have already been reduced. It appears that from 1868 to 1876 the average number of miles of sewers in use was three hundred, the average cost per annum for cleaning, rebuilding, etc., being \$154,000, or \$513 per mile.**

**From 1876 to 1879 the average number of miles of sewers in use was three hundred and sixty-three, and the average cost of cleaning, rebuilding, repairs, etc., was \$62,000, or \$171 per mile.**

**STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR CLEANING RECEIVING-BASINS AND SEWERS, AND FOR REPAIRING  
SEWERS, RECEIVING-BASINS AND CULVERTS FOR THE YEARS 1868 TO 1878, BOTH INCLUSIVE.**

Years.	Cleaning Receiving-basins.	Cleaning Sewers.	Repairing Sewers, Basins and Culverts.	Totals.	Total Miles of Sewer in the City.	Total Number of Receiving-basins in the City.
1868.....	\$28,000 00	\$48,636 38	\$50,568 99	\$127,205 37	244.50	3,226
1869.....	24,000 00	26,379 53	76,340 06	126,719 59	261.	3,372
1870.....	24,000 00	47,862 50	55,254 16	127,116 66	276.	3,603
1871.....	48,000 00	31,272 50	158,035 62	237,308 12	295.	3,764
1872.....	48,000 00	12,128 14	102,209 16	162,337 30	307.68	3,858
1873.....	48,000 00	16,933 25	64,619 46	129,552 71	323.16	3,973
1874.....	48,000 00	11,796 00	82,751 15	142,547 15	342.76	4,166
1875.....	48,000 00	12,348 89	116,976 75	177,325 64	351.66	4,252
1876.....	48,000 00	4,050 00	22,438 27	74,488 27	356.63	4,340
1877.....	15,950 00	4,620 00	30,465 69	51,035 69	362.39	4,397
1878.....	17,100 00	4,200 00	38,700 00	60,000 00	369.30	4,489



to appoint the janitors. I would therefore call the attention of the Board to the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, given to the Mayor under date of October 7th ult., in which he says :

“Section 71 of the Charter of 1873 declares that the Department of Public Works shall have cognizance and control of the care of public buildings. This statute confers upon the Commissioner of Public Works the exclusive right to appoint persons to have the general charge and custody of public buildings. The Charter of 1870 contained a similar provision, and I am not aware that since the passage of the charter any serious question has been made as to the right and duty of the Commissioner of Public Works to take and exercise exclusive charge of all public buildings which are not by some statute expressly placed in charge of other departments.”

“Formerly the Common Council had control of public buildings belonging to the City, and the Supervisors had control of public buildings belonging to the County. As above stated, the Charters of 1870 and 1873, transferred the care of City buildings to the Department of Public Works, and after the passage of the act consolidating the City and County, in 1874, the care of what were formerly known as County buildings also passed to that department. I do not think it is in the power, therefore, of the Common Council to adopt a resolution which shall deprive the Commissioner of Public Works of the power to appoint janitors to have the general charge and control of the buildings and rooms in which the Police and District Courts are held.”

In accordance with the duty, thus clearly defined, this department will continue to employ janitors necessary for the care of the buildings and rooms occupied by the Civil and Police Courts, and whatever provision for the payment of the



Alderman Sauer made a statement in relation to the appointment of janitors for the Police and Civil Courts, and called the attention of the Board to the ordinance of the Common Council, delegating the power of appointment of said janitors to the justices of the several courts ; also to a decision of the General Term of the Supreme Court.

Commissioner CAMPBELL made a statement in reply, that the law required the Commissioner of Public Works to make the said appointments, and called the attention of the Board to the opinions of the late Corporation Counsel, E. Delafield Smith, and Corporation Counsel Wm. C. Whitney.

The Board then took up the Estimate for the Department of Public Parks.

Whereupon Commissioner WENMAN made a statement in reference thereto.

The Board took up the Estimate for the Fire Department.

Whereupon Commissioner KING made a statement in relation thereto, and presented the following communication :

#### MEMORANDUM.

For Headquarters' pay-roll \$47,028.75 was asked, which it is proposed to reduce to \$42,400.

Of the entire amount, \$19,500 is fixed by law, as follows :

President and Commissioners...	\$17,500 00
Instructor of Corps of Sappers and Miners.....	2,000 00
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	\$19,500 00
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that with the exercise of the most rigid economy it became necessary at the close of the current year to request a transfer from another account to this one, which request was readily granted by your Honorable Board, making the total amount of appropriation for this year, \$43,495.38.

For Repair Shops pay-roll \$50,000 was asked, which it is proposed to reduce to \$40,000, the amount of the original appropriation for the current year, to which has been added by transfer by your Honorable Board, \$5,579.78, making a total of \$45,579.78, appropriated for this year. There are at this time 25 steam fire engines in use in the Department, which were purchased and have been in the service since the years 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, and 1869, and ten of these, it is estimated by the Chief of Battalion in charge of Repair Shops, will during the year 1879 require extensive repairs and new boilers. The aggregate cost of these repairs will amount to about \$9,000 alone. The entire number of steam engines in use by the Department is 57, of which nearly half have been in service ten years or more, and it is to be expected, as it is also a matter of experience and capable of demonstration, with each additional year of service they require greater and more frequent repairs. The statement holds good of the hook and ladder trucks, tenders, harness, etc., etc., and your Honorable Board is earnestly requested to look well into the facts submitted before finally deciding upon a matter of so much importance to the fire service of the City.

For the pay-roll of the Bureau of Combustibles the sum of \$12,753.75 was asked, and from that your Honorable Board proposes a reduction of \$553.75. The estimate made by this Board, in detail, is as follows :

Inspector.....	\$2,500 00
Surveyor.....	1,200 00
Assistant Surveyor.....	1,200 00



the fact that for this Bureau also it was found necessary to ask for a transfer of \$758.33 for the current year, which was voted by your Honorable Board, thus making the total amount for the year \$7,958.33, or only \$441.67 less than that asked for the year 1879, the difference being accounted for by the fact that for a few months of the current year a vacancy existed in one of the positions in the Bureau. In view of these facts the Commissioners request that the amount of their estimate be allowed.

For new apparatus, etc., which includes every thing but salaries and new buildings, \$200,000 was asked, and but \$170,000 allowed in the Provisional Estimate, being \$5,000 less than the appropriation for 1878; \$15,000 less than that of 1877; \$30,000 than that for 1876.

Two most important items of expenditure are defrayed from this appropriation, viz.: new engines, trucks, etc., and new hose. It was impossible to purchase any new hose out of the amount appropriated for this year, and during the year 1879 a large expenditure for the item of new engines will be imperative if the Department is to be maintained at its present standard.

The following detailed statement of the purposes of the \$200,000 appropriation asked for, will, it is thought, if again examined by the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the light of the facts above given, induce a favorable reconsideration of the matter:

Apparatus (including engines, trucks, ladders, hooks, etc.),.....	\$25,000 00
Repairs to Buildings.....	25,000 00
Fuel.....	20,000 00
Gas.....	8,000 00
General Supplies .....	15,000 00
Horses (50 horses).....	15,000 00



Fuel (Coal) . . . . .	\$20,000 00
Horse Feed and Straw . . . . .	25,000 00
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	<u>\$45,000 00</u>

The amount asked for apparatus (engines, trucks, etc.,) is not too high considering the fact that four new engines will be required at say

\$5,000 each . . . . .	\$20,000 00
Besides new trucks, ladders, hooks, etc. . . . .	5,000 00
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	<u>\$25,000 00</u>

There remains finally of this appropriation the amount asked for repairs to buildings, \$25,000. There are in the possession of and use by the Department 87 houses and bell-towers to be kept in order and many of them requiring extensive repairs, which would allow an average expenditure upon each house of \$297, deducting three which it is found necessary to rebuild, for which an additional appropriation \$30,000 is asked, namely, the following :

437 East Houston Street, occupied by Engine Co. No. 11.

91 Ludlow Street, occupied by Engine Co. No. 17.

604 East Eleventh Street, occupied by Engine Co. No. 28.

The first of these is now occupied by a company using a self-propelling engine ; the house was built in 1851 for use of a volunteer company, is now in a dilapidated condition, foundation walls insecure, and unfit generally for use by a self-propeller company.

The second, originally built for a company in the Volunteer Department, is rendered unsafe ; first, by a large tenement house built on one side settling it toward that side, then the erection of another tenement house on the other side, settling



specified, will be received at these Headquarters until 9:30 A. M., on Wednesday, the 8th proximo, when they will be publicly opened and read:

No. 56.	3,000 lbs.	brown soap.....	at	per lb.
" 57.	1,000 "	castile soap.....	at	"
" 58.	2,000 "	burnt and ground rotten stone.....	at	"
" 59.	100 "	Florida sponges....	at	"
" 60.	6,000 "	cotton waste (prime cop)...	at	"
" 61.	12 bbls.	lubricating oil.....	at	per gall.
" 62.	12 "	kerosene oil, fire test. ....	at	"
" 63.	5 "	polishing oil.....	at	"
" 64.	50 galls.	neats foot oil.....	at	"
" 65.	4 doz.	shovels.....	at	per doz.
" 66.	6 "	stove shovels.....	at	"
" 67.	4 "	scoop shovels.....	at	"
" 68.	1 "	hay forks.....	at	"
" 69.	1 "	manure forks.....	at	"
" 70.	12 "	curry combs.....	at	"
" 71.	120 "	corn brooms.....	at	"
" 72.	10 "	stable brooms.....	at	"
" 73.	40 "	whisk brooms.....	at	"
" 74.	8 "	dust brushes.....	at	"
" 75.	8 "	horse brushes.....	at	"
" 76.	8 "	scrub brushes.....	at	"
" 77.	3 "	window brushes.....	at	"
" 78.	3 "	stove brushes.....	at	"
" 79.	4 "	shoe brushes.....	at	"
" 80.	3 "	white-wash brushes.....	at	"
" 81.	20 "	feather dusters....	at	"
" 82.	8 "	mop sticks.....	at	"
" 83.	40 "	mop yarns.....	at	"
" 84.	10 "	door mats.....	at	"



No. 324.	8 pkgs. $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch clout nails.....at	per pkge.
" 325.	8 " 1-inch clout nails.....at	"
" 326.	8 " $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch clout nails.....at	"
" 327.	8 " $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch clout nails.....at	"
" 328.	10 lbs. $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch brad nails.....at	per lb.
" 329.	24 papers japanned head tacks (as- sorted sizes).....at	per paper
" 330.	6 papers 8-ounce tacks.....at	"
" 331.	6 " 10-ounce tacks.....at	"
" 332.	6 " 12-ounce tacks.....at	"
" 333.	8 dozen axes and helves (7 lbs.).. at	per doz.
" 404.	12 boxes 14 x 20 XX charcoal I C tin.....at	per box.
" 405.	13 boxes 10 x 14 X charcoal I C tin.at	"
" 406.	24 sheets 14-ounce copper (tin'd 14 inch wide, 4 feet long.... at	per sheet
" 407.	150 lbs. No. 1 solder. .... at	per lb.
" 408.	50 " No. 12 brass wire.....at	"
" 409.	25 " No. 5 iron wire.....at	"
" 410.	4,000 " pure white lead, free from barytes, zinc, and other adulterations.....at	"
" 501.	30 " light oak graining color....at	"
" 502.	30 " walnut graining color.....at	"
" 503.	200 " putty.....at	"
" 504.	600 " metallic roof paint.....at	"
" 505.	75 " patent dryers.....at	"
" 506.	50 " potash.....at	"
" 507.	25 " dry white lead.....at	"
" 512.	4 bbls. boiled oil.....at	per gall.
" 513.	5 " turpentine.....at	"
" 533.	1 dozen sash tools.....at	per doz.
" 534.	4 bbls. Paris white.....at	"
" 493.	200 lbs. white zinc .....at	per lb.



or all proposals received, or any part of such proposals, if deemed to be for the interests of the City.

VINCENT C. KING,  
JOSEPH L. PERLEY,  
JOHN J. GORMAN,

*Commissioners.*

New wagons.	Carpets.
Repairs to wagons.	Matting.
Iron bedsteads.	Linoleum.
Repairs to hay cutters.	Boiler supplies, Headquarters.
Bi car. soda, vitriol, etc., for fire extinguishers.	Flags and repairs to flags. Medical Officer's supplies.
Coal screens, stove fixtures, etc.	Clocks and repairs to clocks.
Polishing oil.	Soft soap.
Desks, chairs and stools for officers.	Ice. Buttons and numbers for uni- forms.
Cuspedores and waste baskets.	Repairs to chairs.
Horse blankets, horse sheets.	Oil meal.
Lap robes, buffalo robe and duster.	Gas fixtures and repairs to gas fixtures.
Window shades and fixtures.	

The Board then took up the estimate of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

Whereupon Commissioner Cox made a statement in relation thereto.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication relative thereto:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORSECTION, }  
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE, }  
NEW YORK, December 11, 1878. }

*Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller:*

Sir,—By an act of the Legislature, passed May 14, 1872, this



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
 COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,  
 NEW YORK, December 11, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller* :

Sir,—As an important matter of acquiring additional lands for the purpose of erecting buildings for the accommodation of those persons committed to the care of this Department, the Commissioners would respectfully call your particular attention to Riker's Island, which is situated about one mile northeast of Ward's Island, and on the direct route which the steamers of this Department take to Hart's Island.

The desirability of removing convicts and other prisoners from Blackwell's Island is a subject which has received the attention of the Commissioners, and has elicited an unanimous expression in favor of removing them to some other locality.

Blackwell's Island has now as many buildings and as large a population as it can properly accommodate, and its devotion to charitable institutions to the entire exclusion of the prisons is deemed important and advisable.

Riker's Island contains  $73\frac{1}{2}$  acres of upland and  $157\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land under water; the upland is rolling and has a great quantity of soil that can be profitably used in filling in and grading the lands under water, which are so situated that they may easily be prepared for filling in by the erection of bulkheads and receive a large amount of ashes from the City for a long time to come.

The price this whole property can be purchased for is \$500 per acre, which would make a total of \$115,333.33.

Referring this important matter to your consideration,

I remain, yours, very respectfully,

TOWNSEND COX,

*President.*

Which were referred back to the Comptroller.



*Resolved*, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of Section 112 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest, not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and for such period, conformable to law, as he may determine, "Assessment Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," authorized by Chapter 397, Laws of 1852, and Chapter 580, Laws of 1872, to the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-  
ments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, }  
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE, }  
NEW YORK, December 13, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr.,

*Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:*

Sir,—The Commissioners of Public Charities and Corrections respectfully make application for the transfer, from unexpended balances of appropriations, to this Department, for the year 1878, as follows :



"For Extension to Bellevue Hospital for new Water-closets" . . . . .	250 00
" For Supplies," etc . . . . .	5,750 00
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Total . . . . .	\$7,000 00
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The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-  
ments—3.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and the  
same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made  
for "Salaries—Judiciary," for the year 1877, which is in  
excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects  
thereof, to the appropriation for "Salaries—Judiciary the  
Supreme Court, Compensation of Judges from other Dis-  
tricts," for the year 1878, which is insufficient.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and  
the President of the Department of Taxes and  
Assessments—3.*

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet to-morrow (December 17), at 12 o'clock M.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary.*





Mr. L. M. Bates made a statement in relation to the New York Infant Asylum, and presented the following communication :

OFFICE OF L. M. BATES & COMPANY, }  
451 AND 453 BROADWAY, }  
NEW YORK, December 17, 1878. }

*To the Honorable Board of Apportionment :*

Gentlemen,—The New York Infant Asylum, 28th August last, sent your Board an estimate wanted for 1879, amounting to \$51,101, thinking the amount as low as demands for the year.

You set apart \$34,912.44, same as for year 1878, which has not been sufficient to cover our monthly bills. There will be a deficiency at the end of this year of more than \$8,000, making the actual monthly bills for the year \$43,000.

We cannot possibly get along with less than 43,000 for 1879, and ask you to set apart at least that amount.

Truly yours,

L. M. BATES,  
*Treasurer.*

Superintendent William Porter made a statement in relation to the New York Institution for the Blind.

Myer Sterne, Esq., appeared in behalf of the Hebrew Benevolent Society.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet on Wednesday, December 18, 1878, at 12 o'clock, M.

JOHN WHEELER,  
*Secretary,*



1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Friday, December 20, 1878, at 12 o'clock M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller, dated December 19, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
December 19, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor :*

Sir,—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Friday, December 20, 1878, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of transacting any business that may come before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

INDORSED.

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 19th day of December, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,  
*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

JOHN WHEELER,  
*President of the Department of  
Taxes and Assessments.*



INSTITUTION FOR THE IMPROVED INSTRUCTION OF DEAF MUTES, }  
 BROADWAY (WEST SIDE), BETWEEN FORTY-FOURTH  
 AND FORTY-FIFTH STREETS, }

NEW YORK, December 20, 1878.

Estimate—September 2d, 1878 :

For support of thirty-five New York County	
pupils . . . . .	\$10,500 00
For clothing fifteen State pupils. . . . .	450 00
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Total. . . . .	\$10,950 00
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Present number of County pupils. . . . .	35
State pupils to be clothed. . . . .	18

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

Messrs. W. H. Webb, O. B. Potter, Willy Wallach, J. M. Requa and H. N. Beers, Committee of the Council of Reform, appeared before the Board.

Whereupon Mr. O. B. Potter presented the following communication :

*To the Honorable Board of Estimate  
 and Apportionment :*

The Council of Reform beg leave herewith respectfully to submit to your Honorable Board the results of as careful an examination of the estimates made by several of the Departments of the City Government of the expenses of their respective Departments for the year 1879 as the time and opportunities have allowed. For the want of better opportunities, we have been obliged to confine our inquiries to a few Departments.

The amounts we propose as sufficient to conduct these De-



“ 11 Fire-escape Examiners,			
	4 at \$1,000 00		
	7 at 600 00		
	<hr/>	8,200 00	unnecessary
Contingencies . . . . .		2,500 00	2,000 00
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		\$75,000 00	\$41,000 00
Saving . . . . .			\$34,000 00
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During the last year this Department has received an average of six plans a day for repairing old and constructing new buildings. An average of three complaints from the public in two days, and has sent out an average of 23 blank notices a day. For the record of these plans and complaints, and the issue of these notices, 11 clerks have been employed, and are again asked for. During the year an average of 900 buildings have been in process of erection or repair.

For the supervision of these buildings, and the general inspection of unsafe buildings, 40 inspectors have been employed, and are again asked for. Three quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the buildings in the process of erection and repair are in the four contiguous upper wards of the City, and have not received and do not require more inspection than two men can give.

A large part of the buildings erected and altered in other parts of the City are costly residences, offices, buildings or warehouses, whose plans are far above any requirements of the Building Law, and which demand and have received no supervision from this office.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT.

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salaries of four Commissioners,	\$26,000 00	\$26,000 00
Clerks, etc., in Headquarters. . .	74,000 00	54,960 00



by this act shall be reduced 20 per cent.," is still in force, and we are of the opinion that such provision is in force by reason of the various provisions in the Charter of 1870, and in chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, and the supplementary act known as chapter 755 of the Laws of 1873.

HENRY DAY,  
THEODORE W. DWIGHT,

I have given to this question all the consideration possible within the limited time allowed me. I am unable to see, as at present advised, any escape from the conclusion at which Mr. Dwight and Mr. Day have arrived.

December 19, 1878.

JAMES EMOTT.

I concur in the foregoing opinion.

EDWARD FITCH.

We have fixed the estimate for street cleaning at the bid made by a responsible party under stringent conditions in proposals made by this Department, during the last year, to do this work by contract, and which we believe to be sufficient.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Proposed.

Salaries for the Maintenance of Parks and Museums, <i>excluding all expenses for mere construction work</i> .....	\$31,800 00
Salaries for Maintaining and Surveying Twenty-third and Twenty-four Wards.....	20,450 00
Salaries of Police, including 12 Policemen on City Parks, to be supplied by City Police.....	66,245 00



	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salary of Vice-Medical Officer.	\$1,200 00	Nothing.
“ Bookkeeper.....	2,500 00	“
“ Clerk .....	1,800 00	\$1,500 00
“ Six Clerks.....	7,600 00 { 3 clerks at \$1,200. }	3,600 00
“ Supply Clerk.....	1,500 00	1,500 00
“ Property Rec'd Clerk	1,300 00	Nothing.
“ Messenger .....	800 00	600 00
“ Two Night Watch- men, \$800 .....	1,600 00	Nothing.
“ Two Engineers, \$3 per day.....	2,190 00	1,400 00
“ Cleaner .....	638 00	Nothing.
“ Janitress....	300 00	300 00
“ Instructor of Sap- pers and Miners..	2,000 00, to be given by Eng'nr.	
	<hr/> \$47,028 00 <hr/>	<hr/> \$29,900 00 <hr/>

*Telegraph Force.*

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salary of Superintendent....	\$2,500 00	\$2,000 00
“ Chief Operator ....	1,680 00	1,500 00
“ Seven Operators ...	8,940 00 { at \$1,000. }	5,000 00
“ Battery Man .....	1,000 00	800 00
“ Assistant Battery Man .....	800 00	Nothing.
“ Six Line Men, \$800,	4,800 00 { at \$800 }	2,400 00
“ Ten Tower Watch- men .....	8,000 00	
	<hr/> \$27,720 00 <hr/>	<hr/> \$11,700 00 <hr/>



	Asked for.		Proposed.
Salary of Chief of Department	\$4,700 00		\$4,000 00
“ Assistant Chief “	3,000 00		2,500 00
“ Ten Chiefs of Battal-			
ions . . . . .	25,000 00 {	\$1,800 each. }	18,000 00
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	\$32,700 00		\$24,500 00
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*Repair Shop.*

	Asked for.		Proposed.
Salary of Inspector of Repairs			
to Buildings . . . . .	\$2,000 00		\$2,000 00
“ Foreman Repairs to			
Buildings . . . . .	1,500 00		1,200 00
“ Storekeeper . . . . .	1,500 00		Nothing
“ Clerk . . . . .	1,250 00		“
“ “ . . . . .	1,200 00		1,200 00
“ Messenger . . . . .	300 00		Nothing.
“ Shop Engineer . . . .	925 00		925 00
“ Ten Mechanics, at \$3	9,150 00		6=5,490 00
“ Helper . . . . .	480 00		480 00
“ Coppersmith . . . . .	850 00		850 00
“ Two Boilermakers . .	1,700 00		1,700 00
“ Six Blacksmiths . . .	5,100 00		3=2,500 00
“ One Wheelwright . .	1,240 00		1,000 00
“ Three Helpers . . . .	2,550 00		2=1,600 00
“ Three Painters . . . .	2,775 00		1= 900 00
“ Two “ . . . . .	1,550 00		1= 700 00
“ One Collar-maker . .	850 00		Nothing.
“ Four Harness-mak-			
ers . . . . .	3,790 00		3=2,900 00
“ Hose Repairer . . . .	925 00		900 00
“ Two Night Watch-			
men . . . . .	1,825 00		1,825 00



	Asked for.	Proposed.
Repair Shop . . . . .	\$50,000 00	\$28,020 00
Telegraph Force . . . . .	27,720 00	11,700 00
Headquarters . . . . .	47,028 75	29,900 00
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	\$1,291,842 50	\$983,300 00
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Saving . . . . .		\$310,032 00
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The principal reduction made in this Department is twenty per cent. of the salaries of employees, to correspond with the same reduction of the salaries of the Police Force. The salaries in this Department we understand were increased at the same rate, at about the same time, and for the same reasons with those in the Police Department, and we see no reason why they should not be correspondingly reduced.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We have re-examined the estimates and the reasons for the same which this Council had the honor to present to your Board the last year, of the amount of money we consider necessary to meet the expenses of the Board of Education, and are more than ever convinced of the correctness of this estimate and the soundness of the principles upon which it was made. We repeat substantially the same estimate, only adding the expenses of a possible increase of pupils for the coming year, with the reasons therefor, and believe that the free-school system and the public good of this City would be advanced by a strict adherence to the policy and line of economy here indicated.

	Asked for.	Proposed.
Salaries of Teachers in Primary and Grammar Schools . . . . .	\$2,300,000 00	\$1,700,000 00
Salaries of Janitors in Grammar and Primary Schools . . . . .	105,000 00	100,000 00



This estimate of the amount required for this Department for 1879 limits it to \$2,818,000, instead of \$3,584,000, the amount asked for, and proposes lessening the burdens of the City during the current year by \$766,000. It has been made in consultation with those believed to be among the best and truest friends of public education in this City, and is based to some extent on a comparison of the amount now asked for with the amount spent for public school purposes under the system which preceded the present Board. The Board of Education created in 1873 was devised avowedly for the purpose, among other important ends, of preventing the waste and extravagance of the former Department of Public Instruction. The year 1872, the last year of that Department, was a time memorable for extravagance and reckless expenditures of money, public and private. Inflated prices in everything prevailed. The value of purchasing power of money was much less, and the cost of living and supplies was fully 30 per cent greater than now. The cost of supplies for the schools was then fully one-third more than now. The very important item of fuel was twice its present price. In that year also the Department, yielding to the general demand for higher salaries, incident to the time, added by their vote 20 per cent., in the aggregate \$181,600, to the teachers' salaries of the previous year. The expenditures of the Department during that year, including this addition to teachers' salaries, reached the enormous sum of \$2,830,000, and the Department was done away.

Notwithstanding the unprecedented decline in prices of all property, real and personal, in the cost of living, and of all supplies, and the corresponding decline in salaries which everywhere prevails in private business throughout the City, the Board of Education continue the advance in salaries to teachers voted in 1872, and now, in a time of unparalleled distress and embarrassment, when business and incomes are reduced fifty



which is nearly one-third of the whole sum paid to the 3,287 teachers.

These suggestions are submitted in no feeling of hostility to the present system of public education, but in the earnest desire to render this system, by making it economical and just, permanently and progressively beneficial, to the highest extent practicable, consistently with the prosperity and progress of our City, and within the just limits of the claims of the citizen and the obligations of the State.

The usefulness and efficiency of these schools must not be impaired, but should be promoted and increased. By them that measure of free public instruction should be given equally to all the children and youth of this City, that will enable them to understand and discharge in return those duties which the Republic may rightfully claim of all its citizens. This instruction should be so provided that all, rich and poor alike, may enjoy it. It should include all that the security of the State requires, but should not include ornamental learning, professional training and collegiate education, nor special preparation for such education. For the expenses of this measure of public education taxation may be justly enforced upon all. Beyond this it cannot be done within the just powers of the State. Persistent attempts to compel more will imperil the whole public school system. Your committee are convinced, from their inquiries in this Department, that by the consolidation of some schools, but partially filled—reducing the number of teachers, particularly the Principals; reducing the wages of Principals and teachers, as all other wages are reduced, and no more; requiring that all grades of teachers shall exemplify and enforce industry, economy and order, relieving the curriculum of such studies as the public school instruction does not call for, and replacing them by others that it does (such, for example, as the history, structure, func-



secure an honest, efficient, economical administration of the City Government. We confidently believe if the course now so auspiciously entered upon and in progress shall be supported and continued with that just legislation in its aid which we may rightfully expect from the State, that the day is not for distant when the City shall become again the centre of activity, progress and prosperity, where taxation shall no longer, as now, press with insupportable weight upon energy, enterprise and capital, while it discourages, degrades and pauperizes labor in idleness, but where capital, enterprise and labor shall all find their best opportunity and highest reward. But the work which remains to be done before this City shall be completely delivered from the consequences of misgovernment in the past, and enjoy the complete results of good government in the future, is no holiday work.

To inaugurate and commence this work has required qualities not always found in high official station, clearness of perception to understand, and indomitable will to accomplish, so far as possible under the law, what the public good requires—firmness to resist the long-continued and fatal habit of running into debt by this community, and equal firmness with courage to insist upon and enter upon retrenchment and payment of this debt. To carry forward this work will call for the continued exercise of the same high qualities by the controlling public officers of this City, and especially by this Board.

We have drifted far, very far, from the causes and the course of our former prosperity, during the past eighteen years. How far one glance may admonish us. The amount paid by the City for salaries in 1860, when the purchasing power of money and the cost of living were substantially as now, was \$3,874,288. The amount asked for in 1878 is \$10,134,573, an increase



The following communication was presented :

In the matter of the application to remove WALTER S. PINCKNEY, Justice of the District Court in the City of New York, for the Seventh Judicial District.

*To the Board of Apportionment of the City of New York :*

The undersigned respectfully represent that they are the counsel retained and representing Judge Walter S. Pinckney, upon the charges preferred against him, and which have been referred by the Suwreme Court, General Term, to O. P. Buell, Esq., to take proof, etc.

The case will consume more than a month in taking testimony, and is exceedingly laborious, after which an argument must be prepared and printed, and the case must be argued before a General Term of the Supreme Court ; besides considerable expenses have been and will be incurred by the defense in subpoenaing witnesses, more than fifty in number, and for the stenographer's minutes, which will amount to more than two hundred dollars.

Judge Pinckney has no means, and the undersigned have not received any compensation from him, directly or indirectly, and will not unless your Honorable Board will provide for the same. The labors of the counsel for Judge Pinckney are much more arduous than the Counsel to the Corporation, W. C. Whitney, Esq., who was assigned to prosecute. The undersigned are informed that said Whitney has applied to your Board for \$3,000 in said prosecution, and the undersigned respectfully submit that they are entitled to the same amount. Their services, including disbursements, will be worth, at least, the sum of \$3,000, and your Board should make this allowance to the undersigned upon principle and precedents heretofore made, this being the trial of a public official.

The undersigned, therefore, respectfully pray your Board to make said appropriation to them.

I. WALKER FOWLER,  
A. H. REAVEY,

*Of Counsel for Hon. Walter S. Pinckney.*

Which was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.



The following is the nature of the improvement desired :

The drainage of the stagnant pools in said square ; the filling, in part at least, of the present deep hollows and depressions of its surface ; the grading, sloping, terracing, and turfing its surface, and the general regulation thereof, in order to relieve and remove the present rough outlines and unsightly aspect of the square, which have been for a protracted period, and now are detrimental to the value of the property adjacent thereto, and thereby to the revenues of the City in the taxable value of such property, and to the interests of its citizens generally.

NEW YORK, December 13, 1878.

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES,	CHARLES F. HUNTER,
ALFRED WAGSTAFF,	EDWARD CLARK,
JOHN M. PINKNEY,	MARSHALL O. ROBERTS,
MATTHEW BIRD,	H. B. CLAFLIN,
GEORGE F. BETTS,	AMOS R. ENO,
EDWARD MARTINDALE,	by AMOS F. ENO, <i>Att'y</i> ,
JOHN A. C. GRAY,	F. H. COSSITT.

*To the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks :*

The undersigned, owners of property situated upon and in the vicinity of Manhattan square, in making their application to your body, dated December 13, 1878, for the transmission by your body to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of a supplemental estimate, with a request to that Board for an appropriation for the year 1879, for the money necessary at this time for the improvement of said Manhattan square, hereby respectfully state that such application is made in accordance with the resolutions adopted at two public meetings of citizens and property-owners, held at Manhattan square on October 3 and November 26, 1878, and for the purposes specified in said application.



Whereupon Mr. James Ruggles, in behalf of the memorialists and owners of property, appeared before the Board, and after setting forth the past and present condition of Manhattan square, the long period of neglect thereof, and its disastrous effects upon the adjacent property, and the legal rights of the owners of property and citizens to its speedy improvement, presented the following statement :

*To the Mayor of the City of New York,*

*President of Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

SIR,—The following statement in relation to Manhattan square is submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for their consideration, in connection with the memorial (dated December 13, 1878), of owners of property situated upon and adjacent to said square, and the resolution (dated December 18, 1878) adopted by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks in relation to the regulation and improvement of said square, now urgently required, and for which purposes an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars for the year 1879 is thereby requested.

#### STATEMENT.

The public place or square containing 18 75-100 acres, bounded by Eighth avenue, Ninth avenue, Seventy-seventh street, and Eighty-first street, in the City of New York, and designated on the map of the city as Manhattan Square, is situated at or near the centre of the Island of New York, being almost precisely equidistant (about five miles) from the southernmost point of the Battery and from the crossing of the Harlem river, at the Aqueduct, Highbridge, distances soon to be brought, by steam, within twenty minutes.

It adjoins the Central Park, on the western side thereof,



The assessments imposed upon the property with- in the prescribed area of assessments were, as above stated . . . . .	\$54,697 00
The interest at seven per cent. accruing thereon for the above period, viz., from June 1, 1840, to April 23, 1864, amounted to . . . . .	91,497 59
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	\$146,194 59
Interest as above, from April 23, 1864, to Decem- ber 31, 1878 . . . . .	56,240 66
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	<u>\$202,435 25</u>

In the year 1856, sixteen years after the opening of Manhattan square, the Central Park was created by legal proceedings instituted in pursuance of the special act of the Legislature, passed in 1853, creating said park, which proceedings were finally confined on the 1st of February, 1856, and liberal appropriations were at once made for its improvement.

In the year 1864, Manhattan square was annexed to "Central Park" and legally made a portion of it, that they might be united in a systematic and harmonious improvement, by the following act of the Legislature :

#### CHAPTER 319.

AN ACT in relation to Manhattan square in the City of New York ; passed April 23, 1864 ; three-fifths being present.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :*

SECTION 1. That piece or parcel of land in the City of New York, known as Manhattan square, bounded on the north by



debris, and its generally unsightly features have been for more fourteen years and now are detrimental to the value of the square as public property, to the value of the adjacent property, and thereby to the tax revenues of the City and to the sanitary welfare and pecuniary interests of its citizens.

The regulation and improvement of Manhattan square, if speedily commenced and vigorously prosecuted, will, it is confidently affirmed, at once increase the taxable value of the property adjoining and lying in its vicinity, to such amount as will enable such property to bear and fully repay in annual taxes the interest upon the amount of appropriation for which application is now made, and will, within a brief period, fully reimburse the City Treasury for the whole amount of such appropriations.

The following estimate of such increase of valuation is here submitted :

The valuations placed by the Tax Commissioners for the year (1878) upon the property embraced in the blocks immediately surrounding Manhattan square are as follows :

Block Number.	Avenues.	Between. Streets.	
123....	Eight and Ninth....	Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh..	\$159,800 00
124....	"	....Eighty-first and Eighty-second.....	173,200 00
165....	Ninth and Tenth...	Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh..	92,675 00
166....	"	....Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth.	88,920 00
167....	"	....Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth...	106,925 00
168....	"	....Seventy-ninth and Eightieth..... ..	94,800 00
169 ...	"	.. .Eightieth and Eighty-first.....	89,850 00
170....	"	....Eighty-first and Eighty-second.....	80,900 00
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			\$887,070 00
—of which the total tax revenue, at 2½ per cent. is for 1878.....			22,176 75



open "breathing places" provided by the wisdom and foresight of the Commissioners appointed under the Act of 1807 to lay out streets, avenues and public places in this City.

The probable early improvement of all the vacant lots surrounding and adjacent to the square, by the erection of buildings and the increase of population within such area, now about to be rendered accessible by the rapid transit facilities now in course of development, form necessary elements of consideration in making any adequate estimates of increase, and of the probable revenue to be derived therefrom by the City.

In the above estimate the lots lying beyond the blocks above mentioned have not been included, but it is to be reasonably supposed that their value will be greatly increased by the improvement of Manhattan Square as a focal point, diffusing value by its regulation and future embellishment.

The plain provisions of the law, the rights of property-owners and tax-payers, and of all citizens in every condition of life who are entitled to the enjoyment of their public parks, and every consideration of public duty and public policy, demand the immediate commencement and prosecution of the regulation and improvement of Manhattan square, and form the basis of the application now presented for an appropriation at this time sufficient for the work and purposes therein specified.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES F. RUGGLES,

In behalf of the memorialists, owners of property upon  
and adjacent to Manhattan square.

New York, December 20th, 1878.

Which was ordered to be printed in the Minutes.



Mr. Wheeler was of the opinion that the amount named was \$12,000; also that no appropriation should be made for the purpose for 1879, except with the distinct provision that the amount so appropriated should complete the maps referred to.

The Comptroller presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }  
NEW YORK, December 17th, 1878.

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller* :

Sir,—By the provisions of chapters 56 and 328 of the Laws of 1871, chapter 477 of the Laws of 1875, and chapter 445 of the Laws of 1877, authority is given for the further issue of Croton Water Stock, to provide for the further supply of pure and wholesome water for the use of the City of New York.

The sum of \$60,000 is required in addition to the unexpended balance of the amount heretofore called for, to meet the final payment on the contract for constructing the New Storage Reservoir; the payment of expenses and awards for damages in proceedings now pending for the acquisition of lands, etc., the cost of surveys in progress, and other necessary items.

Requisition is therefore made for the further issue of said stock to the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), for the use of this Department.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
*Commissioner of Public Works.*

Which was referred to the Comptroller.



court, in that case, that the right of the Police Justices to appoint a janitor of this description was not inconsistent with the right of the Commissioner of Public Works to appoint janitors for the buildings and parts of buildings in which the Police Courts are held."

"It was also decided by the Supreme Court, in actions brought by Burke against the City, to recover his salary as janitor of a building in which Police Courts are held, that the Commissioner of Public Works had the right to appoint such janitor, and that he was entitled to be paid his salary out of the City Treasury."

The pith of all the judicial decisions and the official correspondence and opinions of the Counsel to the Corporation, in regard to this subject of janitors is, that, while the Police Justices have the right to appoint attendants upon their courts, and to require one or more of such attendants to perform duty as janitors of the courts, the buildings or parts of buildings in which the courts are held are under the care and custody of the Department of Public Works, and that the Commissioner of Public Works, who is by law responsible for such care and custody, has the right to appoint janitors to have the care and charge of such buildings or parts of buildings.

I would further call your attention to the other portions of the above-mentioned letter, and to the preambles and resolutions therewith submitted, and unanimously adopted by your Board (minutes of March 3, 1877, pp. 1944-1947,) and I believe that upon consideration of the same, your Board will not reverse its action of that date, but will include in the final estimate, in the appropriation "Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices," the necessary provision for salaries of janitors



(Copy.)

LAW DEPARTMENT,  
 OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }  
 NEW YORK, December 17, 1878. }

THOMAS DUNLAP, Esq.,

*Commissioner of Jurors:*

Dear Sir,—I duly received your letter of the 7th instant, referring to section 1,093 of chapter 448 of the laws of 1876, and stating that the amounts received by you for fines and penalties during the past year have not been sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of your office, and that a deficiency now exists, and requesting my opinion whether, upon proper application, the Board of Aldermen can, before the expiration of the current year, make an appropriation to cover such deficiency.

Section 1,093 of the Code of Civil Procedure, referred to in your letter, provides that the proper and necessary expenses of your office may be paid by you out of the money received by you for fines and penalties, and that, if there is a deficiency, “the Board of Aldermen must provide for the payment thereof, by the Comptroller of the City of New York, out of the City Treasury.”

The Legislature, in making this provision to provide for the expenses of your office, when the fines and penalties received by you were not sufficient to pay the same, seem to have overlooked the various provisions of law under which money is appropriated and raised to meet the expenses of conducting the City Government.

As you are aware, all appropriations to meet such expenses are now made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The provisional estimate made by said board is submitted to the Board of Aldermen, which can make objections to or rectifications of the same, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, after considering such objections and rectifications, is



The following communications were presented :

245 EAST THIRTY-FIFTH STREET,  
NEW YORK, December 18, 1878. }

*To the Honorable the Board of Apportionment :*

Gentlemen,—In the “Herald” of the 10th, I notice a letter from Mrs. Lowell, in which she advises the distribution of \$60,000 between the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor and the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. As to the latter society I know nothing, and have nothing to say, but I would advise that you carefully inquire about the former before giving them any money. I am convinced that Mrs. Lowell has been imposed upon. I was at one time a visitor for the Association, and my experience convinced me that but little good is accomplished by the work done. I was as faithful as any, and more so than most, and am prepared to say that the visiting of the society as now organized, is of but little benefit to the poor. But that is not the worst. In looking over the report of last year you will find that of \$35,000 spent by the society, \$12,600 or over was for salaries of officials and office expenses, the Secretary alone receiving \$60 per week, or enough to give substantial aid to from 15 to 20 families, and again last year, in the month of February, in the severest part of the season, the society closed its doors so far as any substantial aid to the poor was concerned, alleging that they had nothing to help with, when they had at the same time a reserve fund of \$60,000, and all the time the Secretary did not fail to draw his \$60 per week, and the other officials their full salaries. Formerly, according to act of incorporation, every subscriber was a member, and could at its meetings (if it could be ascertained when they were held) be heard, but within a few weeks the ring held a meeting, and, by an amendment to the rules, disfranchised everybody but the officers and managers, virtually making about five men the society. I am credibly



to attend in person or present the estimate for the Juvenile Asylum for 1879.

We have accommodations for 800 children and have averaged that number the past year. We shall require, therefore, say, \$90,000 for our expenditure of 1879.

Respectfully yours,

A. R. WETMORE,

*President.*

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication.

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }  
NEW YORK, December 18, 1878.

Hon. JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller City New York:*

Sir,—At a meeting of the Commissioners governing this Department, held this day, the following resolutions were adopted:

“ *Resolved*, That a copy of the memorial of Lewis G. Morris and others for the construction of a suspension bridge across the Harlem River at One Hundred and Eighty-first Street, at the point where the said bridge was located by this Department, and where the title to the land on which to construct it was acquired by the City for that purpose, be communicated to the Comptroller of the City of New York, and that he be requested to take proper measures for the issue of bonds on account of the construction of such bridge, to an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars, pursuant to section 3 of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, to be applied in making soundings and surveys for the



2. The railroad bridge at the Fourth avenue, only usable by the steam cars, also having a draw.

3. The Central, or Macomb's Dam Bridge, having a draw, at the terminus of a short street diverging from Eighth Avenue.

4. The High Bridge, for carrying the Croton Aqueduct, and also accommodating foot passengers.

5. The Farmer's Bridge, two and a half miles north of High bridge, for foot and vehicle travel.

6. King's Bridge, for foot and vehicle passage.

7. Railroad Bridge across the Spuyten Duyvil Creek at its opening to the North River, and having a draw.

Of these seven bridges, all of which are shown on the map appended to this memorial, and prepared to illustrate this important subject, four only admit the passage of vehicles.

The distance from the Third Avenue Bridge to the Central Bridge is about 7,800 feet, or about one and-a-half miles.

The distance from the Central Bridge to the Farmers' Bridge is about 18,400 feet, or about three and one half miles, so that, if, as is not unfrequently the case, the Central Bridge is undergoing repairs, the population located midway between the Third Avenue and Farmers' Bridge on one side of the river obliged to go to a point similarly situated on the other side with vehicles, cannot do so without traveling a distance of nearly five miles; a person desiring to pass in a vehicle directly across the river from the Juvenile Asylum, not an eighth of a mile in distance, must travel nearly five miles to accomplish it.

Six of these seven bridges are but a few feet above the surface of the water, they accommodate that class of travel and traffic that is on the lower levels of the land. The High Bridge



been provided for and form an important part of the system, it is a converging point for several main roads, it is not only for the population and business of this especial elevated plateau, present and future, that this bridge is to accommodate, but the already populous communities surrounding them. To delay the building of the bridge is to retard the development of a large area that has been laid out with especial reference to it, and would seriously inconvenience the present populated neighborhood.

For twenty years the need for crossing for wheel traffic has been deeply felt, but the then different jurisdictions on each side gave rise to endless questions as to the relative portions of the expense that each should bear, and nothing was done.

The territory now belongs to one jurisdiction—the City of New York. The Legislature nearly eight years ago directed that this bridge should be built, and provided the means for building it, and the authority charged with the duty of executing the order of the Legislature is the Department of Public Parks. By the Act of May 11, (chapter 826), it was made the duty of the original Board of Commissioners of the Central Park to survey the lower and westerly part of Westchester County, and among other things to provide plans for streets and avenues, for sewers and drainage, for the supply of water, for the improvement of the Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvil Creek, and plans for the location of all bridges, tunnels and other means of transit across or under said river and creek.

The authority under this act expired on the 1st day of January, 1871. The work was entered into and pushed by the Commissioners with energy.

The original Board of Central Park Commissioners, however, went out of office by the Charter of 1870. In the year 1871 (chapter 534), a further act was passed, continuing in the



struction and maintenance of bridges over and tunnels under the Harlem River, at the joint cost and expense of the City and County of New York and of the County of Westchester and certain towns therein named, shall be construed as applying hereafter solely to the City and County of New York, and to the territory hereby annexed thereto, and the provisions contained, in said chapter 534 for the raising of moneys for the construction of said bridges and tunnels, or any of them, over or under the Harlem river, by the issue of the bonds of such of the said counties, or otherwise, as in said chapter provided, shall hereafter be confined to the City and County of New York, as the same shall be enlarged by the territory hereby annexed, and the planning and construction of said tunnels and bridges shall be continued for account of said enlarged City of New York, and with its means, as in said chapter 534 provided, the same as though the County of Westchester had not been mentioned in said chapter in connection with said bridges and tunnels."

It will be seen by the above that the bridge is and has long been a recognized public necessity, that legislation is full and adequate to authorize, indeed, to use the words of the statute, to require its construction "forthwith," and that the methods of raising the necessary means are also indicated by the law.

It is well known that measures are in progress for the improvement of these waters by the Government of the United States, to render them in accordance with the plans of that accomplished engineer, Gen. John Newton, useful to the commerce of the whole country, and that this improvement will be of great advantage in cheapening the cost of carrying the products of the West to the East, to this City and Brooklyn, and to Europe.

No consideration of this subject that omits in its inception a full provision for the movement of commerce on the river, as







ting up the Fort Gansevoort property as a stand for Market-Gardeners' Wagons, etc., and presented the following petition :

*To the Honorable Board of*

*Estimate and Apportionment :*

**GENTLEMEN**—At a meeting of citizens of the Ninth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Wards, held at Bleecker Buildings, on the 2d day of July, 1878, the undersigned were appointed a committee to urge upon the authorities of our City the desirability of designating the property bounded by Gansevoort, Little West Twelfth, Washington and West streets, being a portion of what is known as the Fort Gansevoort property, and owned by the City, as a depot for market wagons, for the sale of garden produce. Some of the reasons which seemed to call for some such expression on the part of our citizens, and which led to the appointment of your committee, are in brief as follows :

That while the fees paid by the market gardeners are a source of large revenue to the City, they are not afforded sufficient accommodation or protection.

That allowing them to stand in the narrow and overcrowded streets in the lower part of the City is a great evil, and the cause of great inconvenience and loss to merchants and others renting stores and doing business in that portion of the City.

That this location is a central, desirable and convenient one.

That this property is now lying idle and vacant, and if set apart for this purpose, and enlarged facilities are offered these gardeners, it will result in a much larger income being derived from them than at present. And that while extensive and costly public improvements have been made in other parts of the City, toward the expense of which we have contributed our share, our portion of the City, in this respect at least, seems to have been entirely forgotten and neglected.



and which are a disgrace to the City and an eyesore and a nuisance to the neighborhood, should be at once removed.

The ground should be graded, sewerred, laid out into rows or avenues, and paved.

On the spaces between the avenues raised platforms or walks for the accommodation of foot passengers should be built.

Over these platforms, and projecting far enough out so as to cover the area on which the market wagons will stand, suitable sheds or awnings should be erected.

We have endeavored in these suggestions merely to give an outline of what work we think is required, and have not entered at all into detail. With your consent, we will be pleased to submit a plan which will more fully embody our ideas. The principal object to be accomplished at present is to secure an appropriation for the work. We have made a rough calculation, and believe an expenditure of thirty thousand dollars is all that is required. which amount we respectfully and earnestly urge be appropriated for this purpose.

Dated New York, December 21, 1878.

MATTHEW KANE, 345 West Fourth Street.

PATRICK MALONE, 91 and 63 Ninth Avenue.

GEORGE B. LAWTON, 77 Jane Street.

JAMES C. HOE, 325 West Fourteenth Street.

BRADISH JOHNSON, 428 West Sixteenth Street.,

per EDWARD A. ROOME.

EDWARD GILON, 557 Hudson Street.

JOHN J. GORMAN, West Fourteenth Street.

SIDNEY P. NICHOLS, 407 West Twenty-third St.

J. W. JACOBUS, 16 Morton Street.

GEORGE B. DEANE, 277 West Eleventh Street.

GEORGE B. DEANE, JR., 67 Bank Street.

Which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.



In *James McCullough vs. The Mayor*, Supreme Court, General Term, January, 1876, it was decided that a janitor was in no sense a public officer, but a mere servant or employee, and the provision of the Charter, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, Section 97, that salaries shall be fixed by the Board of Apportionment, does not apply, and that the compensation was subject to change at any time by the Common Council. That the Common Council could abolish the place, or confer its duties upon any other servant or employee.

The following resolution was adopted by the Common Council :

*Resolved*, That the resolution approved March 15, 1870, authorizing the Justices of the several Police and Civil Courts to appoint janitors, be and is hereby annulled, rescinded, and repealed.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 21, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, December 28, 1876, by which the authority for the appointment of janitors was taken away from the justices of the civil courts.

By Section 12, Chapter 538, Laws of 1873, the majority of the members attending any meeting of the Board of Police Justices may appoint "other necessary attendants, and may remove the same." But such expense, by Section 4 of the same act, may be limited by the proper authorities of the City.

In *Patrick Bergen vs. The Mayor*, Supreme Court, General Term, May, 1875, it was decided that janitors were clearly



Apportionment did not allow for salaries for the Police or District Court janitors, but included in the appropriation to the Department of Public Works, for "Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices, etc.," sufficient to pay janitors of City Courts—police and civil—and thirteen janitors were appointed, at \$1,200 per annum, by the Commissioner of Public Works :

10 Civil Courts.

3 Police Courts.

(*City Record*, January 31, 1877, p. 143.)

Under the advice of the Corporation Counsel, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment

*Resolved*, That no janitor or attendant shall be appointed by Police Justices.

(*City Record*, March 6, 1877, p. 341.)

The following resolution has been adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the resolution approved by the Mayor, December 28, 1876, rescinding resolution approved March 15, 1870, authorizing the justices of the several police and civil courts to appoint janitors, be and the same is hereby annulled, rescinded and repealed, and that the justices assigned to each of the police courts in this City, and the justices of the several district civil courts, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a janitor for each of said police and civil courts, at an annual salary as now fixed by law."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, September 23, 1878.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, October 8, 1878, with his objections thereto.



Messrs. Reavey & Fowler, requesting an appropriation of \$3,000 in their favor (by your Board) as and for their services as counsel for Judge Pinckney in the proceedings now proceeding.

They state that they are informed that I have applied for an appropriation of \$3,000 for my services, and that their labors are greater than mine, etc., and that they should have an equal amount.

Their letter has evidently been written under a mistake. I have applied for no money for counsel—myself nor any one else.

The application was for a sum to pay the Referee's fees, the stenographer's fees, witness fees, and for printing. These are necessary expenses.

I know of no authority justifying your Board in making the appropriation suggested.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

WM. C. WHITNEY,

*Counsel to Corporation.*

Which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The SECRETARY presented the following communication :

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
OFFICE OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES,  
120 EAST THIRTIETH STREET, Dec. 19, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN WHEELER,

*Secretary, etc. :*

Dear Sir,—It appears by inclosed that I was mistaken in reference to the law providing for the appropriation for adult blind. It is mandatory, so far as the Board of Apportionment is concerned, although not as regards the Board of Commissioners.

I am extremely sorry to have made the mistake. Will you be so kind as to say so to the Mayor for me.

Respectfully yours,

J. S. LOWELL,

*Commissioner, etc.*

Which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The CHAIRMAN presented a communication from Mrs. Annie B. Browning, in behalf of the "New York Bible and Fruit Mission," asking for an appropriation from the Excise Fund.

Which was referred to, and the original paper sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, December 26, 1878, at 11 A. M.

JOHN WHEELER,

*Secretary.*

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# BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
CITY HALL. }

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1878—11 o'clock A. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

*Present*—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 23d, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
December 19, 1878. }

*To the Board of*

*Estimate and Apportionment :*

I have the honor to submit herewith a resolution providing

for the distribution of the sum of \$111,571 from the excise moneys, available for this object, among the charitable societies and institutions in this City, which “gratuitously aid, support, and assist the poor,” and which are entitled to receive the same under the provisions of chapter 22, of the Laws of 1875. A list of the societies and institutions is annexed, with the amounts appropriated to each, according to the data of their operations during the past year, as furnished by them, and the information in possession of this Department in regard to their respective claims as almoners of the public moneys among the poor of this City.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

*Resolved*, That in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 221 of the Laws of 1875, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby appropriates from the excise moneys, to the charitable and benevolent institutions in the City of New York, which “gratuitously aid, support, and assist the poor,” the sums stated in the following schedule, and amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one hundred and eleven thousand five hundred and seventy-one dollars, as a per capita allowance for the number of poor and destitute persons actually treated, cared for, or educated in and by these institutions, respectively; these appropriations are made with the distinct provision that no part of these moneys is to be used or applied by any of said institutions as a permanent fund, or for the purpose of erecting or furnishing any building, or for the payment of the salary of any employee, but the whole amount allowed to each institution is to be used and applied to the purpose above stated, as provided by law, viz., to “gratuitously aid, support, and assist the poor.”



# HOMES AND ASYLUMS.

No.	NAME.	Number Sup- ported Gratui- tously in One Year.	Per Capita Allowance.	Amount Al- lowed.
1	The Church Mission to Deaf Mutes.....	8	\$20 00	\$160 00
2	House of the Good Shepherd.....	364	5 00	1,820 00
3	New York Christian Home for Intemperate Men (partially supported).....	125	15 00	1,875 00
4	Home for the Aged of the Little Sisters of the Poor.....	163	15 00	2,445 00
5	St. Joseph's Home for the Aged.....	240	15 00	3,600 00
6	The Sheltering Arms .....	111	15 00	1,665 00
7	Association for Befriending Children (House of the Holy Family).....	100	15 00	1,500 00
8	Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews. ....	75	10 00	750 00
9	St. Vincent's Home for Boys.....	100	10 00	1,000 00
10	Chapin Home for Aged and Infirm.....	50	15 00	750 00
11	Samaritan Home for the Aged.....	37	20 00	740 00
12	St. James' Home for Boys.....	150	5 00	750 00
13	House of Rest for Consumptives.....	50	10 00	500 00
14	The Midnight Mission.....	42	10 00	420 00
15	Institution of Mercy.....	200	10 00	2,000 00
16	St. Stephen's Home for Children.....	150	10 00	1,500 00
17	New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.....	100	10 00	1,000 00
18	Society for the Relief of Destitute Children of Seamen.....	116	6 00	696 00
19	Five Points House of Industry (partially supported).....	400	3 00	1,200 00
20	St. Vincent's Industrial Home for Girls.....	100	10 00	1,000 00
21	New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society (St. Barnabas' House).....	100	10 00	1,000 00
22	Ladies' Protective Union and Directory (Martha's Rest).....	22	10 00	220 00
23	Home for Incurables.....	60	20 00	1,200 00
24	Home for Old Men and Aged Couples.....	25	15 00	375 00
25	St. Joseph's Industrial Home for Destitute Children.....	135	10 00	1,350 00

26	Peabody Home for Aged Women.....	15	20 00	300 00
27	Methodist Episcopal Church Home.....	99	20 00	1,980 00
28	Female Christian Home (partially supported).....	30	5 00	150 00
29	Young Women's Aid Association.....	26	15 00	390 00
30	St. Luke's Home for Indigent Christian Females.....	65	15 00	975 00
31	Society for the Relief of the Destitute Blind (Home for the Blind).....	38	20 00	760 00
32	The Free Home for Training Young Girls.....	40	10 00	400 00
33	Women's Prison Association and Home.....	50	15 00	750 00
34	Ladies' Home Society of the Baptist Churches.....	90	7 00	630 00
35	Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominic.....	189	10 00	1,890 00
36	St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum (German).....	168	6 00	1,008 00
37	Orphans' Home and Asylum of the Protestant Episcopal Church.....	200	6 00	1,200 00
38	Society for the Relief of Half-Orphan and Destitute Children.....	247	5 00	1,235 00
39	Asylum of St. Vincent de Paul.....	200	5 00	1,000 00
40	Association for the Benefit of Colored Orphans.....	200	5 00	1,000 00
41	Roman Catholic Orphan Asylums.....	1,250	4 00	5,000 00
42	House of Our Lady of the Rosary.....	200	5 00	1,000 00
43	Old Gentleman's Unsectarian Home ..	25	20 00	500 00
44	Zion Aged Relief Association.....	17	15 00	255 00
45	The Colored Home.....	200	5 00	1,000 00

# HOSPITALS, DISPENSARIES AND INFIRMARIES.

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No.	NAME.	Number of Patients Supported and Treated Gratuitously in One Year.	Per Capita Allowance.	Number of Out-door Patients Treated Gratuitously in One Year.	Per Capita Allowance.	Amount Allowed.
1	The Woman's Hospital (\$1,000 of this amount to be paid to the Ladies' Society of the Hospital).....	70	\$20 00	2,400	\$0 25	\$2,000 00
2	St. Francis' Hospital.....	300	10 00	.....	....	3,000 00
3	St. Vincent's Hospital.....	125	20 00	.....	....	2,500 00
4	Metropolitan Throat Hospital.....	20	20 00	7,000	5	750 00
5	St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Dispensary.....	10	20 00	5,000	10	700 00
6	Mount Sinai Hospital and Dispensary.....	121	7 00	28,060	5	2,000 00
7	St. Luke's Hospital.....	100	20 00	.....	....	2,000 00
8	St. Mary's Free Hospital for Children.....	50	15 00	.....	....	750 00
9	German Hospital and Dispensary.....	100	10 00	20,000	5	2,000 00
10	New York Medical College and Hospital for Women.....	20	10 00	4,000	5	400 00
11	Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital. ....	....	.....	5,000	10	500 00
12	New York Ophthalmic and Aural Institute.....	13	10 00	8,700	10	1,000 00
13	New York Orthopædic Dispensary and Hospital.	....	.....	8,000	20	1,600 00
14	New York Dispensary .....	....	.....	41,000	2	820 00
15	Demilt Dispensary.....	....	.....	26,800	3	804 00
16	Eastern Dispensary .....	....	.....	26,000	3	780 00
17	Northeastern Dispensary.....	....	.....	28,000	3	690 00
18	Northwestern Dispensary.....	....	.....	28,800	3	864 00
19	Central Dispensary.....	....	.....	16,000	5	800 00
20	Northern Dispensary.....	....	.....	20,000	4	800 00
21	Western Homoeopathic Dispensary.....	....	.....	10,500	5	525 00
22	Tompkins Square Homoeopathic Dispensary...	....	.....	15,000	3	450 00
23	New York Free Dispensary for Sick Children..	....	.....	3,900	10	390 00

24	Harlem Dispensary.....	....	.....	8,000	5	400 00
25	West Side German Dispensary.....	....	.....	5,000	8	400 00
26	Northeastern Homœopathic Dispensary.....	....	.....	8,000	5	400 00
27	Yorkville Homœopathic Dispensary.....	....	.....	3,250	10	325 00
28	New York Homœopathic Medical College Dis- pensary.....	....	.....	9,000	5	450 00
29	Eclectic Medical Dispensary.....	....	.....	5,400	7	378 00
30	Dispensary of Medical and Surgical Relief, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	....	.....	3,000	5	150 00
31	New York Ear Dispensary.....	....	.....	1,000	25	250 00
32	West Side Infirmary for Diseases of Eye and Throat.....	....	.....	5,000	10	500 00
33	New York Eye and Ear Infirmary....	12	20	15,600	10	1,800 00
34	New York Infirmary for Women and Children..	16	10	6,500	10	810 00
Total.....						\$111,571 00

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the  
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-  
ment—4.*

The Comptroller presented the following communications :

LAW DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }  
NEW YORK, December 19, 1878.

Hon. JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller :*

SIR,—I duly received your letter of the 15th of November last, requesting my opinion whether the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has the power to make an additional appropriation to cover the expenses of the Board of Excise for the year from May 1, 1877, to May 1, 1878.

Under chapter 642 of the Laws of 1874, referred to in your letter, the salaries of the Commissioners of Excise, not exceeding five thousand dollars, and the necessary expenses of the Board, are to be annually fixed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and paid out of the moneys received for licenses. Pursuant to this law, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on June 1, 1877, fixed such salaries and expenses for the year from May 1, 1877, to May 1, 1878. On October 4, 1878, the Commissioners of Excise applied to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for an additional appropriation of four hundred and ninety dollars and seventy-three cents (\$490.73), for the purpose of paying bills incurred during said year 1878, in excess of said appropriation.



Board of Estimate and Apportionment had fixed the amount of said salaries and expenses for a particular year, the power of the Board over the matter is not thereby exhausted, but that it can, in its discretion, make an additional appropriation for such salaries and expenses.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

WM. C. WHITNEY,  
*Counsel to the Corporation.*

BOARD OF EXCISE, 299 MULBERRY STREET, }  
NEW YORK, October 4, 1878. }

*To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

Gentlemen,—We respectfully request a transfer for the purpose of paying the following bills incurred in the years 1877–8, viz :

N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co.....	\$36 25
J. V. Donovan, Carpentering Work.....	417 73
C. D. Shute, Carpentering Work.....	10 75
J. Abels .....	16 00
Jon M. Wenneis, 2 loads of Wood .....	10 00
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Total.....	\$490 73

Yours truly,

RICHARD J. MORRISON,  
PHILIP MERKLE,  
*Commissioners of Excise.*

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of Chapter 642, Laws of 1874, the sum of four



*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the  
President of the Board of Aldermen—3.*

*Negative—The President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-  
ments—1.*

On motion, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended, in order to act upon the issue of "Assessment Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York."

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of Section 112 of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest, not exceeding six per cent per annum, and for such period, conformable to law, as he may determine, "Assessment Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," authorized by Chapter 397, Laws of 1852, and Chapter 580, Laws of 1872, to the amount of fifty thousand dollars.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),*

*the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments — 4.*

On motion the Board took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

The Board reassembled at 2:30 o'clock, P. M.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

LAW DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }  
NEW YORK, December 23, 1878.

*To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

GENTLEMEN,—I duly received a copy of the following resolution, adopted by you on the 11th instant :

“ *Resolved*,—That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to furnish this Board as soon as possible, with his opinion in reference to the salaries of the police force, under acts of the Legislature, and particularly as to the operation or effect of the provision contained in Chapter 861 of the Laws of 1866, ‘ that whenever the currency of the United States shall attain a par value in gold, the foregoing salaries, as fixed by this act, shall be reduced twenty per cent.’ ”

Chapter 861 of the Laws of 1866, referred to in your letter, which established the salaries and compensation of the Commissioners, officers and employees of the Metropolitan police at the several sums therein named, contained the following :

“ Provided that whenever the currency of the United States shall attain a par value in gold, the foregoing salaries, as fixed by this act, shall be reduced twenty per cent., excepting that

in no case shall the yearly pay of captains be less than eighteen hundred dollars, and that of sergeants less than fourteen hundred dollars."

The so-called Charter of 1870 created the Police Department of the City Government, and excepted the City of New York from the various provisions of law establishing the Metropolitan Police. The Charter of 1873 repealed said Charter of 1870, but continued the Police Department as a regular department of the City Government.

Section 43 of said Charter of 1873 contained the following provision :

"Every person connected with the Police Department of the City of New York at the time this act shall take effect, and except as otherwise herein provided, shall continue in office, and the amount of salary or compensation now legally paid to such person, except as herein otherwise provided or authorized, shall be the salary and compensation fixed for his office under this act."

I think the intent of the Legislature, and the legal effect of this provision of said section 43, was to repeal the above cited provision of the Act of 1866, and permanently establish the salary or compensation of every person connected with the Police Department at the sum legally paid to every such person at the time of the passage of said Charter of 1873. I am of this opinion, notwithstanding that section 6 of chapter 755 of the Laws of 1873, passed subsequent to the charter of that year, applied the provisions of law which related to the Metropolitan Police to the present Police Department; because it was expressly declared in said section 6 that those provisions should apply only so far as they were not inconsistent with said Charter of 1873; and in my opinion, the provision in the Charter of 1873 that the salary or compensation of the persons connected with the Police Department shall be the same that was legally paid to such persons when that charter



The SECRETARY presented the following communication :

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr.,

*Mayor, and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

Sir—The Corporation Counsel of this City has petitioned your Honorable Body for the sum of three thousand dollars as counsel fee, on account of conducting the suit of the City *vs.* Walter S. Pinckney, Judge of the Seventh District Court of the City of New York.

We, for and in behalf of the Executive Committee of the Central Tax-payers Association of the City of New York, petition your Honorable Body against such an appropriation on account of the Corporation Counsel receiving an annual salary of \$15,000, with ten assistants receiving \$52,000 more, which, with the other employees engaged in the office of said Corporation Counsel, costs the city in the aggregate the sum of \$75,472 for attending to the duties thereof for the past year.

We would submit that the above suit appertains to the duties of the office of the Corporation Counsel, and respectfully ask that the above application be refused.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL WHITCHURCH,

*Chairman of the Executive Committee.*

Dated New York, December 26, 1878,

WM. F. PITSKE,

*Secretary.*

On motion, the Secretary was directed to send to the Central Taxpayers' Association, a copy the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, relating thereto.

The CHAIRMAN presented the following communications :

OFFICE OF THE "CITY RECORD,"  
NEW YORK, December 26, 1878. }

*To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

Gentlemen—We request that you authorize a transfer of the



Trusting that your Honorable Body may find this request reasonable, I am

Your obedient servant,

**THOMAS M. PETERS,**

*President of the Children's Fold.*

New York, December 21, 1878.

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet to-morrow, December 27, 1878, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

**JOHN WHEELER,**

*Secretary.*



The reasons for making a separate appropriation for "Supplying Water for Shipping and to Building Purposes" are as follows :

Until June 4, 1877, this service was performed under a contract or license, yielding the City a revenue of \$57,800 per annum.

When this contract expired, it was deemed more advantageous to the City and the public to have the service performed by clerks and inspectors in the employ of the Department, and your Board made provision for that purpose, for the balance of the year 1877, and a special appropriation for the year 1878.

The result of the new system was an increase of \$53,000 in revenue for the first year of its application, and a still greater benefit in the suppression of an immense waste of water along the river. By an increase of the force of inspectors, as provided in the Departmental Estimate, these results can yet be improved upon, and in order to ascertain the exact expense of the new system and its financial benefits, it appears desirable to have a separate appropriation for it.

In this instance, also, the force of inspectors required varies with the seasons and other circumstances.

In conclusion, I would state that, inasmuch as the question of economy, of the efficiency of the public service, or the increase in the city revenue will not be affected by transferring these items to the salary appropriation, provided that the amount asked by the Department be granted, it is not of much importance whether such transfers are made, though, for the reasons above stated, it seemed proper to me that the appropriation should be made in accordance with the Departmental Estimate and the custom of previous years.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

*Commissioner of Public Works.*

Whereupon the COMPTROLLER moved that the Secretary communicate in person with the Commissioner of Public Works in relation thereto.

Which was agreed to.

A communication was received from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, asking for an appropriation from the Excise Fund.

Which was referred to, and the original sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet to-morrow (December 28th), at 12.30 o'clock A. M.

JOHN WHEELER,

*Secretary.*

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# BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

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CITY OF NEW YORK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
CITY HALL. }

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1878—12.30 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

*Present*—All the members, viz. :

SMITH ELY, JR., *the Mayor of the City of New York.*

JOHN KELLY, *the Comptroller of the City of New York.*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, *the President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER, *the President of the Board of Taxes and Assessments.*

The minutes of the meeting held December 27, 1878, were read and approved.

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
NEW YORK, December 28, 1878. }

*To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

In pursuance of the provisions of section 8 of chapter 383

of the Laws of 1878, the Comptroller hereby certifies to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the sum of thirty-six thousand one hundred and seventy-nine dollars and fifty-five cents is the sum to be included in the annual estimate for the year 1879, which, with the sum to be included in the annual estimate each year thereafter, is sufficient, with the accumulation of interest thereon, to meet and discharge the amount of the bonds and stocks payable from taxation, other than revenue bonds, issued in the year 1878, after the third day of June, the date of the passage of said act, "by the time they shall be payable," as therein provided, and as shown by a statement of the same herewith submitted.

JOHN KELLY,  
*Comptroller.*

Statement showing the amount of bonds and stocks of the City of New York, issued in the year 1878, after the 3d day of June, pursuant to statutes authorizing the same, and payable from taxation, other than revenue bonds, and the sums to be included in the annual estimate each year, sufficient, with the accumulation of interest thereon, to meet and discharge the same by the time they shall be payable, as provided by section 8 of chapter 383 of the Laws of 1878 :

TITLES OF BONDS AND STOCKS.		STATUTES UNDER WHICH ISSUED.		Rate of Interest.	When due.	Amount Issued after June 8, in the year 1878.	Number of Years the Bonds run from November 1, 1878.	Amount to be raised by Tax, annually.
				Per cent.				
Bonds of the Mayor. Aldermen and Com-			Chap. 473, Laws of 1877.....	5	1881	\$43,563 32	3	\$13,818 66
monalty of the City of New York (for			Chaps. 56 and 328, Laws of 1871..	5	1891	45,000 00	13	2,540 51
fitting up and furnishing armories and			Chap. 920, Laws of 1869.....	5	1892	190,018 83	14	9,695 56
drill rooms).....			Chap. 583, Laws of 1871.....	5	1898	22,000 00	20	665 34
Additional Croton Water Stock.....								
City Improvement Stock.....			Chap. 290, Laws of 1871.....	5	1903	12,000 00	25	251 43
New York County Court-house Stock...			Chap. 565, Laws of 1865.....	5	1903	500 00	25	10 48
Museums of Art and Natural History			Chap. 608, Laws of 1875.....	5	1904	10,000 00	26	195 64
Stock.....			Chap. 477, Laws of 1875.....	5	1906	284,000 00	28	4,862 79
Assessment Fund Stock.....			Chap. 574, Laws of 1871.....	5	1906	275,000 00	30	4,139 14
City Parks Improvement Fund Bonds...								
Croton Water Main Stock.....								
Dock Bonds.....								
Total .....		.....						\$36,179 55

Which was laid over.

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made for "Contingencies—Mayor's Office," for the year 1877, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made for "Printing, Stationery and Blank-books," for the year 1878, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented a communication from the Department of Public Works, referred to him at meeting of December 26.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Works for the year 1878, entitled "Salaries—Department of Public Works," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations made to said Department for the year 1878, which are insufficient, viz. :

“ Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs . . . . .	\$250 00
“ Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices ” . . . . .	250 00
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Total . . . . .	\$500 00
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The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of three thousand and nine dollars and eleven cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations, which are in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :*

“ Salaries—Judiciary,” 1877 . . . . .	\$2,002 70
“ Disbursements and Fees of County Officers and Witnesses,” 1878 . . . . .	1,006 41
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Total . . . . .	\$3,009 11
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—to the following appropriations made for the year 1878, which are insufficient or require the same, viz. :

“ Salaries—Judiciary.”—(The Supreme Court—  
Clerks, Stenographers, and Librarian, \$410.80 ;

Compensation of Judges from other districts, \$1,070. The Superior Court—Clerks, Assist- ants, and Stenographers, \$833.30). . . . .	\$2,314 10
“ Advertising ” . . . . .	300 00
“ Contingencies—Comptroller’s Office ” . . . . .	170 00
“ Jurors’ Fees ” . . . . .	225 01
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Total . . . . .	\$3,009 11
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The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to “ The College of the City of New York,” for the year 1878, entitled “ For Repairs to Buildings,” which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to “ The College of the City of New York,” for the year 1878, entitled “ For Salaries of Professors and Officers, Scientific Apparatus, Books,” etc., which is insufficient.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.



The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The CHAIRMAN presented a communication from the "General Committee to Canvass for City Charities," asking for an appropriation of five hundred dollars.

Which was referred to and the original sent to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented the following :

At a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held at the Court House in the City of New York, on the 28th day of December, 1878.

*Present—HON. NOAH DAVIS, Justice.*

The People of the State of New York on the relation of the Trustees of the College of the City of New York against The Mayor of the City of New York, the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments of said City, constituting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

On reading the affidavit of Lawrence D. Kiernan, sworn on the 28th day of December, 1878, and on motion of Stephen A.



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*Resolved*, That the sum of four thousand and sixty-five dollars and twelve cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation for "Interest on the City Debt," 1876, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations for the year 1878, which are insufficient or require the same, viz.:

"Contingencies—Comptroller's office".....	\$1,029 98
"Salaries—Judiciary, the Surrogate's office, Chief Clerk, Clerks, Assistants, Stenographers, Attendants, and Messenger".....	1,527 13
"Election Expenses" .....	1,508 01
Total.....	<u>\$4,065 12</u>

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK,  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, }  
December 27, 1878.

*To the Board of Apportionment :*

Gentlemen,—I have to ask your Board to transfer from the contingencies of 1878 to the contingencies of 1877, for this



The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, No. 301 MOTT STREET, {  
NEW YORK, December 24, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN KELLY, *Comptroller. etc. :*

Sir—At a meeting of the Board of Health, held this day, it was

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and is hereby, respectfully requested to transfer from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for “Health Fund for 1876 and 1877,” the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, the sum of seven thousand four hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$7,482.57) for the purpose of paying for the printing, charts, tables, and binding of 1,000 copies of the Annual Reports of the Board of Health for the years 1874 and 1875, to the appropriation for “Printing, Stationery and Blank Books for the year 1878.”

(A true copy.)

EMMONS CLARK,  
*Secretary.*

—and offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of seven thousand four hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation for “Health Fund—For Small-pox Hospital and Care of Contagious Diseases,” 1877, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for “Printing, Stationery and Blank Books,” 1878, for which it is required.



between Ninetieth and Eighty-fifth street), gave out at the junction of Eighth avenue and Ninetieth street. The curved pipe that broke is split in four pieces lengthways of the pipe. There are ten more of the pipes that are cracked more or less, and require repairs. From the present rough examination of the interior of the pipes, it will cost at least \$5,000 to repair these pipes.

Respectfully yours,

G. W. BIRDSALL,

*First Assistant Engineer Cro-  
ton Aqueduct, in Charge of  
Bureau.*

Which were laid over.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet to-morrow (Tuesday), December 31, 1878, at 2 o'clock P. M.

JOHN WHEELER,

*Secretary.*



Assessments," 1877, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Cleaning Markets," 1878, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote:

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

The COMPTROLLER offered for adoption the following resolution:

The Corporation Counsel having appeared before the Board, and stated that he had written an opinion and was ready to submit the same to the Board, to the effect that the expenses of the Dock Department were not to be included in the annual estimate, and raised by taxation; stated, further, that he had conferred with Judge James Emott upon the subject, and it was suggested by him, after consultation with Professor Dwight, that the opinion sent in upon the subject by the Reform Society be withdrawn, and the request for an opinion from the Corporation Counsel be also withdrawn, as a final disposition of the matter.

*Resolved, By the Board, that the disposition of the matter suggested be approved by this Board.*



The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with the following items :

Free Floating Baths, amended as follows : Free Floating Baths, including construction and maintenance of one additional bath, to be located at the Battery.....		\$23,500 00
Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues—Reduced from \$3,000 to.....		1,500 00
Repairing Streets and Avenues, under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875—Increased from \$300,000 to.....		500,000 00
Public Charities and Correction—Increase amount for support of out-door poor from \$10,000 to .....		60,000 00
Public Parks—Add new item as follows : Repairing and reflagging walks in and around the City Hall Park and other City Parks.....		129,930 00
Supplies for Police—Increase from \$60,000.....		70,000 00
Salaries--City Courts, Police Courts—Add item as follows : Salaries, six janitors.....		7,200 00
Salaries—District Courts—Add Salaries, ten janitors.....		12,000 00
Police—Salaries of Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Post and Gate-keepers, and Night Watchmen, Department of Public Parks—Increase from \$75,000 to.....		110,000 00
Cleaning Streets under Police Department—Salaries, etc., etc., under this head, increased from \$650,000 to .....		754,231 25
Add to Police Department :		
Purchase of lot and erection of new Station-house for Sixth Precinct Police.....		50,000 00



the said year ; also the amount to be raised by tax annually, which will be sufficient, with the accumulations of interest thereon, to pay the bonds and stocks, payable from taxation, issued after June 3, 1878, pursuant to chapter 83, Laws of 1878 : and also so much as may be necessary to pay the proportion of the State tax required to be paid by the City and County of New York, in said year ; which objections to, and rectifications of, said Provisional Estimate made by the Board of Aldermen, were transmitted by the Clerk of said Board, under date of November 30, 1878, and presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on December 9, 1878 ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That after such consideration of the said objections to, and rectifications of, said Provisional Estimate, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment does hereby make this a

### FINAL ESTIMATE

of the amount required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County of New York, in each department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education, for the next ensuing financial year, to wit, the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine (1879), in which is included such sum as is necessary for the payment of the interest on the bonds of the said City and County, which become due and payable within said year, and also such sum as is necessary to be raised by tax to pay the principal of any bonds and stocks which become due and payable during the said year ; also the amount to be raised by tax annually, which will be sufficient, with the accumulations of interest thereon, to pay the bonds and stocks, payable from taxation, issued after June 3,

1878, pursuant to chapter 383, Laws of 1878; and also so much as may be necessary to pay the proportion of the State tax required to be paid by the City and County of New York, in said year, as follows :

### FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1879.

#### THE COMMON COUNCIL.

CITY CONTINGENCIES.....	\$1,000 00	
CONTINGENCIES—CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.....	250 00	
SALARIES—COMMON COUNCIL:		
President of the Board of Alder-		
men.....	\$5,000 00	
Twenty-one Aldermen, at \$4,000		
each .....	84,000 00	
Clerks and officers, Board of		
Aldermen.....	18,000 00	
	<hr/>	107,000 00
Legal expenses incurred by the Common Council		
in 1878, in defending the members thereof, on		
indictment for passing ordinances relating to		
pretended obstructions in the streets, under res-		
olution of the Common Council of October 14,		
1878... ..	10,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$118,250 00

#### THE MAYORALTY.

CONTINGENCIES—MAYOR'S OFFICE.....	\$4,000 00	
SALARIES—MAYOR'S OFFICE:		
Salary of the Mayor.....	\$12,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks and subor-		
dinates.....	18,000 00	
	<hr/>	30,000 00
Salaries—Bureau of Permits .....	12,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$46,000 00

## THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

## EXPENSES OF CONDUCTING THE DEPARTMENT:

Cleaning markets.....	\$25,000 00
Contingencies—Comptroller's office .....	7,500 00

## SALARIES—DEPARTMENT ON FINANCE:

Salary of the Comptroller. ....	\$10,000 00	
Salaries of the Attaches of the Department.....	173,400 00	
Salaries of 25 Temporary Clerks in the Bureau for the Collec- tion of Taxes, in months of October, November, and De- cember, at \$3 per day, each..	6,600 00	
	<hr/>	190,000 00
Salaries—Chamberlain's office.....	30,000 00	
	<hr/>	252,500 00

## EXPENSES OF CONDUCTING THE CITY GOVERNMENT:

## FOR THE STATE.

## STATE TAXES:

For General Purposes, $1\frac{531}{1000}$ mills, as per Chapter 289, Laws of 1878 .....	\$1,979,495 52	
For Canals, $\frac{3}{10}$ mill, as per Chap- ter 140, Laws of 1878.....	387,882 86	
For salary of Shore Inspector, as per Chapter 604, Laws of 1875.....	1,527 90	
	<hr/>	\$2,368,906 28

## Common Schools for the State:

For Common Schools, $1\frac{420}{1000}$ mills, as per Chapter 289, Laws of 1878.....	1,382,155 91	
	<hr/>	3,751,062 19

## INTEREST ON THE DEBT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Interest on the City Debt.....	\$8,790,153 84
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## REDEMPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE CITY DEBT.

## Redemption of the City Debt:

For amount to be raised by tax and applied to the redemption of the City Debt due in 1879, pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 383, Laws of 1878, and resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, adopted October 22, 1878..... \$1,000,000 00

## Redemption of the Debt of the annexed Territory of Westchester County:

Town of Morrisania .. ..... \$27,000 00

Town of West Farms..... 16,000 00

County of Westchester, for proportion of Bounty Loan and Central Park Avenue Bonds, incurred on account of annexed towns..... 25,110 38

68,110 38

For redemption of Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, due November 1, 1879, issued and to be issued pursuant to Chapter 411, Laws of 1878..... 50,000 00

For redemption of Revenue Bonds of the City of New York, payable November 1, 1879, issued pursuant to Chapter 213, Laws of 1871..... 5,000 00

For redemption of Revenue Bonds of the City of New York, payable November 1, 1879, issued pursuant to Chapter 418, Laws of 1877..... 775 50

For amount to be raised by tax annually, sufficient, with the accumulations of interest thereon, to pay the bonds and stocks, payable from taxation, issued after June 3, 1878, pursuant to Section 8, Chapter 383, Laws of 1878..... 36,179 55

For redemption of New York City Bonds, for construction of a bridge over Harlem river, due November 1, 1879, issued pursuant to Chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and Chapter 329, Laws of 1874..... 4,380 87

1,164,446 30

## MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

## Armories and Drill-rooms

For wages of Armorer, in pursuance of Section 39, Chapter 223, Laws of 1875 . \$17,620 00

## Armories and Drill-rooms--Rent of :

For rent of the following premises for Armories and Drill-rooms, under leases



190. Chapter 223, Laws of 1875, viz. :

Date of Lease.	No. Leased.	For Purpose.	Location.	Term.	Amount.	in 1879.
1876.						
May 16,	Wm. D. F. & Ed. A. Manice .	71st Regt.	Second story building on Broadway, Sixth avenue, Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets. . .	Three years from May 1, 1876, if renewed	\$12,000 estimate'd	\$6,000 00 6,000 00
May 10,	Valentine G. Hall, sole surviving executor.	22d Regt.	Fourteenth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues. . .	Five years from May 1, 1876. . .	15,000	15,000 00
May 18,	Cassius H. Read. . .	5th Regt.	Halls and premises on 2d story of buildings Nos. 139, 141 and 143 West Twenty-third st., etc.	Five years from May 1, 1876. . .	7,500	7,500 00
1877 Jan'y 6,	Chas. W. Dickel. .	First Troop Caval'y	Nos. 7, 9 and 11 W. 13th street. . .	Five years from Jan. 1, 1877. . .	5,500	5,500 00
Jan'y 8,	Mary Combes and Lewis H. Combes, her husband .	Companies A, G & K. 27th Reg't .	2d floor of Morrisania Hall, Railroad Avenue, bet'n 166th and 167th sts	Two years from Jan 1, 1877, if renewed.	750 00 estimate'd	750 00
Dec. 29,	R. T. Ford.	Wash'n Gray Troop	2d story of building, south side of 45th street, near Broadway . . . .	Three years and four months from Jan. 1, 1878. . .	2,000	2,000 00
Dec. 29,	R. T. Ford.,	12th Regt.	2d story of building east side of Broadway, bet. 44th & 45th streets.	Three years and four months from Jan 1, 1878. . .	7,000	7,000 00

Date of Lease.	Name of Lessor.	For what purposes.	Location of Premises.	Term of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be provided in 1879.
1878. Jan 4,	Marietta R. Stevens, ex'x. & John L. Melcher & Chas. G. Stevens, ex'rs of the estate of Paran Stevens.)	9th Regt.	26th street, between 6th and 7th Aves.)	Three years and four months from Jan. 1, 1878...	\$8,000	\$8,000 00
April 9,	C. H. Reed..	Battery K	First floor, &c. of building Nos. 139, 141 & 143 W. 23d st.	Three years, from May 1, 1878, for 6 mos.	3,000 in 1878..	3,000 00 1,500 00
						<u>\$62,250 00</u>

**Rents :**

For payment of rent of property leased to the Corporation for public offices and other public purposes, except armories and drill-rooms, as follows :

Date of Lease.	Name of Lessors.	For what purpose.	Location of Premises.	Expiration of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be provided in 1879.
1870. May 2.	Morgan Jones	First District Police Court	Nos. 106, 108, and 110 Centre street...	May 1, 1880	\$7,500 00	\$7,500 00
1874. June 19.	John Schapert.....	Fourth District Civil Court .....	Northeast corner of 2d ave. and 1st street.	May 1, 1879 If renewed.	2,500 00 estimated	1,250 00 1,250 00
1874. Feb. 19	Wm. T. and Daniel C. Blodgett....	Ninth District Civil and Fifth District Police Courts. ....	125th and 126th streets, 4th and Lexington aves.	Dec. 31, 1883	8,000 00	8,000 00
1875. May 8.	John B. Has-kin... ..	Sixth District Police and Tenth District Civil Courts.....	Northeast cor. of Kings-bridge road and College avenue, 24th Ward.....	May 1, 1880	1,500 00	1,500 00

Date of Lease.	Name of Lessors.	For what purpose.	Location of Premises.	Expiration of Lease.	Annual Rent.	Amount to be provided in 1879.
1876. Nov. 26.	Charles Johnson .. .. .	Eighth District Civil Court .....	South west corner 7th ave. and 22d street... ..	Jan. 1, 1882	\$3,000 00	\$3,000 00
1878. May 1.	Catherine Bradley. ...	Sixth District Civil Court.	South west corner 4th avenue and 18th street..	May 1, 1883.	1,200 00	1,200 00
1876. April 25	New York Dispensary ....	Reception Hospital ...	North west corner Centre and White sta...	May 1, 1880	9,500 00	9,500 00
1876. July 19.	Dennis Kennedy or Jane M. Cudlipp, pres't owner	Reception Hospital....	90th street, between 9th and 10th avenues....	May 1, 1880	1,500 00	1,500 00
1875. Feb. 8.	Reuben Smith	Department of Buildings ..	No. 2 Fourth avenue, 2d, 3d, and 4th floors.....	May 1, 1879 If renewed	3,500 00 estimated	1,750 00 1,750 00
1876. April 10	Jane de Zea ...	Excise Office..	No. 40 East Houston st.	May 1, 1881	3,000 00	3,000 00
1876. April 24	Mary A. Schanck, executrix .....	Marine Court.	No. 27 Chambers street, 2d, 3d and 5th floor....	May 1, 1880	12,000 00	12,000 00
1876. April 29	Oswald Ottendorfer .....	Counsel to the Corporation	Staats Zeitung Building, 3d floor. ....	May 1, 1881	7,500 00	7,500 00
1871. Feb. 10.	Benjn. Moore.	Form'rly used as stables by Police Department...	South side of West 24th st., between 10th and 11th aves...	Mar 1. 1892	500 00	500 00
						\$61,200 0

Coroners' Post-mortem Examinations :	
As authorized by chapter 620, Laws of 1875.....	1,000 00
Judgments and Claims :	
For Judgments recovered against the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, not otherwise provided for, and for payment of claims adjusted pursuant to law.....	450,000 00
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Expenses of.....	200,000 00

## THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

**CONTINGENCIES—LAW DEPARTMENT** (including expenses of the Justice Pinckney investigation, and expenses of preparing a draft codification of the laws relating to the City, and also including \$2,500 to pay Counsel for the City in the matter of the litigation relating to the Brooklyn Bridge). . . . . \$37,500 00

**CONTINGENCIES—CORPORATION ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.** . . . . 500 00

**CONTINGENCIES—PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE.** . . . . 1,000 00

**SALARIES—LAW DEPARTMENT:**

(Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.)

Salary of the Counsel to the Corporation. . . . .	\$15,000 00	
Salaries of Assistants, Clerks and Messengers . . . . .	65,000 00	
	<hr/>	80,000 00

(Bureau of Corporation Attorney.)

Salary of Corporation Attorney. . . . .	\$6,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks, Assistants and Janitor . . . . .	6,000 00	
	<hr/>	12,000 00

(Bureau of Public Administrator.)

Salary of Public Administrator. . . . .	\$5,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks and Assistants. . . . .	3,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,000 00

**Salaries—Bureau of the Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes.**

Salary of the Attorney. . . . .	\$5,000 00	
Salary of the Clerk. . . . .	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	6,500 00

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\$106,500 00

**For procuring and presenting evidence relative to frauds on the City and County of New York prior to January 1, 1872 . . . . .** 10,000 00

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\$155,500 00

## THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

AQUEDUCT--REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.....	\$92,000 00
BOULEVARDS, ROADS AND AVENUES, MAINTENANCE OF	31,000 00
CONTINGENCIES--DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS...	2,500 00
FLAGGING SIDEWALKS AND FENCING VACANT LOTS IN FRONT OF CITY PROPERTY .....	1,000 00
FREE FLOATING BATHS, including the sum of \$9,500 for the construction and maintenance of a bath to be located at the Battery.....	19,000 00
LAMPS AND GAS.....	524,000 00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS--CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS, IN- CLUDING REPAIRS TO ARMORIES ....	33,000 00
PUBLIC DRINKING-HYDRANTS.....	\$4,000 00
REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS IN STREETS AND AVENUES.	1,500 00
REPAIRING AND RENEWALS OF PIPES, STOP-COCKS, &c.	62,500 00
REPAVING STREETS AND AVENUES UNDER CHAPTER 476, LAWS OF 1875.....	300,000 00
REPAIRS AND RENEWAL OF PAVEMENTS.....	150,000 00
ROADS AND AVENUES AND SPRINKLING.....	18,000 00

## SALARIES--DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

To pay entirely the Salaries of all Officers, Engineers,  
Superintendents, Inspectors, Clerks, and other  
Employees of the Department, viz.:

FOR GENERAL SALARY-ROLL OF THE DEPARTMENT.....	\$92,000 00
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## FOR SALARIES CHARGED TO:

Aqueduct, Repairs, and Maintenance..	13,760 00
Boulevards, Roads, and Avenues, Main- tenance of .....	4,000 00
Free Floating Baths.....	4,000 00
Lamps and Gas.....	6,000 00
Public Buildings, Construction and Repairs.....	2,000 00
Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues .....	2,000 00
Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop- cocks, etc. ....	25,000 00

Repaving, under chp. 476, Laws of 1875	6,000 00	
Sewers, Repairing and Cleaning.....	8,800 00	
Supplying Water to Shipping and for Building Purposes .....	8,000 00	
Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices, exclusive of Salaries of Jani- tors in Civil and Police Courts.....	15,366 00	
	<hr/>	186,926 00
SEWERS—REPAIRING AND CLEANING.....		46,200 00
STREET IMPROVEMENTS—FOR STREET SIGNS, &C....		1,000 00
SUPPLIES FOR AND CLEANING PUBLIC OFFICES, IN- CLUDING THE PURCHASE OF LAW BOOKS, AND IN- CLUDING THE PAY OF CLEANERS.....		60,234 00
WELLS AND PUMPS—REPAIRING AND CLEANING...		1,500 00
BRIDGE ACROSS FOURTH AVENUE, AT ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH STREET, UNDER CHAPTER 393, LAWS OF 1878.....		17,500 00
EXPENSE OF GRADING, PAVING, ETC., THE FORT GANSEVOORT PROPERTY, AND FITTING UP THE SAME FOR USE AS A STAND FOR FARMERS' WAGONS FOR THE SALE OF GARDEN PRODUCE, UNDER RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.....		25,000 00
	<hr/>	1,576,860 00

#### THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

##### MAINTENANCE AND GOVERNMENT OF PARKS AND PLACES:

FOR SALARIES—To pay entirely the salaries of the president, clerks, engineers, architects and all other employees of the department, excepting mechanics, gardeners, and laborers and their foremen employed on the work of maintaining the Parks and Places, excepting also those employed in the Zoological Department, excepting also the Topographical Engineer and his assistants in charge of surveying,

monumenting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer-in-Charge of public places, roads, avenues and bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	\$35,000 00	
POLICE—Salaries of captain, lieutenant, sergeants, patrolmen, post and gate-keepers, and night watchmen.....	95,000 00	
For all supplies and for wages of foremen, gardeners, mechanics and laborers employed on works of maintenance, except those employed in the Zoological Department, and including the maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory.....	\$150,000 00	
For the keeping, preservation, and exhibition of the collection in the Zoological Department of the Central Park.....	15,000 00	
For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collection in the American Museum of Natural History, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	25,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$320,000 00
HARLEM RIVER BRIDGES—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	10,000 00	
MUSIC—Central Park.....	4,000 00	
For the equipment and furnishing of the building of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and for other purposes, in pursuance of Chapter 385, Laws of 1878.....	30,000 00	
SURVEYING, LAYING OUT AND MONUMENTING Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including north end of island.....	10,000 00	
MAINTENANCE AND GOVERNMENT OF PUBLIC PLACES, Roads, Avenues and Bridges, including Bridges over Bronx River, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	25,000 00	
For making and completing maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, as provided by chapter 411, Laws of 1876...	10,000 00	

For laying new walks and repairing the old walks in and around the following public parks and places, viz.:

City Hall Park, Canal Street Park, Christopher Street Park, Washington Square, Tompkins Square, Squares at Thirty-second and Thirty-fifth streets and Sixth avenue, Reservoir Square, Stuyvesant Square, Mount Morris Park, East River Park.....	50,000 00	
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	20,000 00	
	<hr/>	479,000 00

#### THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

CONTINGENCIES—Department of Buildings.....	\$3,500 00	
SALARIES—Department of Buildings.....	68,000 00	
	<hr/>	71,500 00

#### THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

##### PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION:

FOR SALARIES.—To pay the salaries of the officers and employees of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, including additional nurses and keepers for the insane.....	\$307,000 00
FOR SUPPLIES—For all supplies for the Department of Public Charities and Correction, including \$40,000 for support of Out-door Poor, and for maintenance of children transferred from Randall's Island Nursery to various institutions.....	830,000 00
For Repairs and Alterations to Buildings and Apparatus.....	25,000 00
For Poor Adult Blind.....	20,000 00
For the erection of two towers at Bellevue Hospital.....	10,000 00
For rebuilding the Lodge at Blackwell's Island	25,000 00
For building two new pavilions for Insane Women on Hart's Island.....	10,000 00

For rebuilding the gas-works on Blackwell's Island, and repairs to gas-works on other islands .....	15,000 00	
For two new boilers, to take the place of the boilers at Bellevue Hospital and the Penitentiary, which are unsafe and dangerous.....	15,000 00	
	<hr/>	1,257,000 00

#### THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

##### HEALTH FUND:

For salaries.....	\$108,000 00	
“ law expenses, including Marshals' Fees....	3,000 00	
“ Disinfection.....	10,000 00	
“ Contingent expenses.....	4,000 00	
“ Removal of Night Soil, Offal and Dead Animals.....	40,000 00	
	<hr/>	165,000 00

##### FUND FOR SMALL POX HOSPITAL AND CARE OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES:

For Salaries... ..	\$8,000 00	
“ Supplies.....	17,000 00	
	<hr/>	25,000 00
	<hr/>	190,000 00

#### THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

##### POLICE FUND:

For salaries of Commissioners of Police.....	\$26,000 00	
For salary of Superintendent of Police.....	6,000 00	
For salaries of 4 Inspectors of Police... ..	14,000 00	
For salaries of 19 Surgeons.....	42,750 00	
For salaries of 35 Captains, at \$2,000 each.....	70,000 00	
For salaries of 140 Sergeants, at \$1,600 each.....	224,000 00	
For salaries of 2,261 Patrolmen, at \$1,200 each.....	2,713,200 00	
For salaries of 78 Doormen, at \$900 each.....	70,200 00	
For salaries of Clerks, Deputies, Stenographers, Superintendent of Telegraph, Telegraph Operators, Messengers, Cleaners, Steamboat and all other employees.....	40,000 00	
	<hr/>	3,206,150 00
For building and completing two new Station-houses, one of which shall be in the Sixth Ward.....	60,000 00	

## POLICE STATION-HOUSES—RENTS :

		Police.....	No. 34 East 29th street..	1885. May 1	\$1,600 00	{ Croton water taxes and assessments. \$1,600 00
1874. Aug. 1	Joseph H. Godwin.....	35th Precinct Police.....	Twenty-fourth Ward.....	1884. Aug. 1	1,700 00	{ All taxes, . Croton, (repairs, &c., 1,700 00
1875. April 10	John Theles..	30th Precinct Police.....	Lawrence st., bet. Broad- way and 10th ave., Man- hattanville..	1880. May 1	1,450 00	{ Croton water, 1,450 00
1875. April 8	Peter and Rob- ert Goelet..	1st Precinct Police.....	Nos. 52 and 54 New street..	1880. May 1	4,500 00	{ Croton and all taxes (and repairs, 4,500 00
1876. April 17	Charles E. Quackenbush.	Inspector's Office, 3d District.....	Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, Third avenue and 86th st., Pa- reps Hall...	1879. May 1	490 00	490 00
1878. March 6	Herman T. Livingston..	Inspector's Office, 4th District.....	Eighth ave., near south- east corner of 130th st..	1879. May 1	420 00	Repairs..... 420 00
1878. April 30	Helen R. Per- kins and others.....	Inspector's Office, 3d District.....	First story No. 112 West 14th street..	1879. May 1	900 00	900 00
Add for Repairs, Croton Water Rents, etc.....						\$10,950 00 1 000 00
						\$11,950 00

**POLICE STATION-HOUSES:**

Alterations, fitting up, additions to, and repairs of station-houses, steamboat <i>Seneca</i> , and Central Department.....	\$20,000 00
Supplies for Police.....	60,000 00

**CLEANING STREETS UNDER POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

For salaries of clerks, inspectors, foremen, steamboat superintendents, and employees, wages of sweepers, laborers, watchmen, trimmers, cart-drivers and hostlers; expenses for hired carts, supplies, new scows, harness, horses, and carts, rent of stables, and all expenses for this purpose; including \$7,500 for scows to receive the ashes, garbage or rubbish from the steamers plying in the Harbor of New York, as provided by chapter 148, Laws of 1875; and including a sum not exceeding \$40,000 for removing snow and ice.....	690,000 00
	<hr/> \$4,048,100 00

**THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.****FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND;**

For salaries, viz.:

Headquarters pay-roll.....	\$42,400 00
Telegraph force pay-roll.....	27,720 00
Repair shop pay-roll.....	45,000 00
Bureau of combustibles pay-roll...	12,200 00
Bureau of fire marshal pay-roll..	7,200 00
Bureau of chief of department pay-roll.....	32,700 00
Superintendent of horses pay-roll	7,000 00
Pay of foremen, assistant foremen, engineers, firemen, ladder men and hosemen, of engine and hook and ladder companies and of the fire steamboat.....	875,750 00
	<hr/> \$1,049,970 00

For building three new Engine-houses.....	80,000 00
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**For apparatus, supplies, &c.:**

For new apparatus, horses, rents, hose, and all supplies and expenses of the Department not otherwise provided for, including maintenance of fire steamboat, and for repairs and alterations of buildings. . . . .

175,000 00  
1,254,970 00

**THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.****CONTINGENCIES—DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND AS-**

**SESSMENTS . . . . . \$900 00**

**SALARIES—DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS:**

Salaries of Commissioners. \$16,500 00

Salaries of Deputies, Clerks,  
and employees. . . . . 73,100 00

89,600 00

**Salaries—Board of Assessors:**

Salaries of the Assessors

and their Clerks. . . . . 17,400 00

107,900 00

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.****PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:**

For salaries of Teachers, Janitors, Superintendents, Clerks and employees; for supplies, rents, incidental expenses, and current repairs to buildings, furniture, and heating apparatus, including the expense of compulsory education, as provided by Chap. 421, Laws of 1874; and for the support of the Nautical School established by Chapter 288, Laws of 1873; and all expenses of the Board of Education not included under any other head of account; for purchasing, leasing and procuring sites, and erecting buildings; furnishing, fitting up, altering, enlarging, and repairing buildings and premises under the charge of the Board of Education, and for repairing the furniture and heating apparatus; for the support of schools which shall have been organized since the last annual apportionment of school moneys: and such further sum or sums as may be necessary for any of the purposes authorized by law; and for school moneys apportioned to the corporate schools. . . . .

3,400,000 00

## THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

## COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK:

For Salaries of Professors and Officers, scientific Apparatus, Books and Supplies, support and maintenance, and all other expenses, including repairs to buildings.....

\$140,000 00

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 140,000 00

## ADVERTISING, PRINTING, STATIONERY, AND BLANK BOOKS.

PUBLICATION OF THE "CITY RECORD"..... \$22,500 00

"CITY RECORD,"—SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES... 7,200 00

ADVERTISING—Including the expense of advertising a summary of the Official Canvass of the Election 7,500 00

## PRINTING, STATIONERY AND BLANK BOOKS:

For all printing, stationery and Blank Books required by the Common Council, the Departments and Offices of the City Government, except printing the "City Record," including the publishing of Calendars of Courts, under Chapter 656, Laws of 1874.....

100,000 00

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 \$137,200 00

## MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

## CORONER'S FEES:

Salaries of four Physicians, at \$3,000 each, under Chapter 256, Laws of 1878.....

\$12,000 00

For fees of Coroners, as authorized by Chapter 565, Laws of 1868; and for salary of clerk to the Board of Coroners, as provided by Chapter 462, Laws of 1871 .. ..

58,000 00

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 70,000 00

CONTINGENCIES—DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.....

4,000 00

DISBURSEMENTS AND FEES OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND WITNESSES, EXCLUSIVE OF SHERIFF'S FEES.....

5,000 00

ELECTION EXPENSES.....

135,000 00

JURORS' FEES—Including expenses of jurors in criminal trials.....

35,000 00

HARBOR INCUMBRANCES—Removal of.....

1,000 00

**SALARIES—COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS:**

For salaries of two Commissioners of Accounts, at \$3,000 each.....	\$6,000 00	
For clerk hire.....	4,000 00	
	<hr/>	10,000 00
Support of prisoners in County Jail, in pursuance of Chapter 251, Laws of 1875.....		15,000 00
Sheriff's fees.....		40,000 00
Board of Estimate and Apportionment—Expenses of.....		2,000 00
Salary of the Physician to the Jail of the City and County of New York, as provided for in the new Code of Civil Procedure...		1,000 00
For the Support, Treatment, and Care of Pauper, Destitute, and Delinquent Children, committed to Asylums and Institutions, under chapter 404, Laws of 1878.....		10,000 00

**SALARIES OF JANITORS OF CIVIL AND POLICE COURTS:**

To pay Salaries of twelve Janitors, at \$1,200  
each per annum, in the Civil and Police  
Courts, as follows:

One in First District Civil Court.....	\$1,200 00	
One in Second District Civil Court .....	1,200 00	
One in Fourth District Civil Court.....	1,200 00	
One in Fifth District Civil Court.....	1,200 00	
One in Sixth District Civil Court ... ..	1,200 00	
One in Eighth District Civil Court.....	1,200 00	
One in First District Police Court.....	1,200 00	
One in Third District Police Court.....	1,200 00	
One in Third District Civil and Second District Police Courts.....	1,200 00	
One in Seventh District Civil and Fourth Dis- trict Police Courts .....	1,200 00	
One in Ninth District Civil and Fifth District Police Courts.....	1,200 00	
One in Tenth District Civil and Sixth District Police Courts.....	1,200 00	
	<hr/>	14,400 00

(The above appropriation of \$14,400 is made specially, as no provision is otherwise made in this Final Estimate for the salaries of the Janitors of these Courts. No portion of this appropriation however, is to be paid by the Comptroller until the question is

judicially determined on an adjusted case or otherwise, in whom by law the appointment of Janitors of these Courts is placed. It is claimed on one hand that the appointment is in the Board of Police Justices and the Justices of the Civil Courts, and on the other, that the appointment is in the Commissioner of Public Works. The City is not to be burdened with the expense of two sets of Janitors.)

#### THE JUDICIARY.

##### SALARIES—CITY COURTS:

###### (Police Courts.)

Salaries of eleven Police Justices, at \$8,000 each per annum.....	\$88,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks, Attendants, Stenographers, interpreters, the Record Clerk, and Secretary of the Board of Police Justices...	62,600 00	
	<hr/>	\$150,600 00

###### (District Courts.)

Salaries of nine District Court Justices, at \$6,000 each per annum, and one at \$8,000 per annum.....	\$62,000 00	
Salaries of clerks, stenographers, interpreters, and attendants....	117,200 00	
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		\$329,800 00

##### SALARIES—JUDICIARY:

###### (The Supreme Court.)

Five Justices, at \$11,500 each....	\$57,500 00	
Clerks, criers, stenographers and librarian.....	34,500 00	
Twenty-four attendants, at \$1,200 each.....	28,800 00	
Compensation of judges from other districts.....	8,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$128,800 00

## (The Superior Court.)

Six Justices, at \$15,000 each.....	\$90,000 00	
Clerks, assistants, and stenograph- ers.....	46,200 00	
Fourteen attendants, at \$1,200 each.....	16,800 00	
	<hr/>	153,000 00

## (The Court of Common Pleas.)

Six Justices, at \$15,000 each.....	\$90,000 00	
Clerks, assistants, and stenograph- ers.....	48,000 00	
Fifteen attendants, at \$1,200.....	18,000 00	
	<hr/>	156,000 00

## (The Marine Court.)

Six Justices, at \$10,000 each.....	\$60,000 00	
Stenographers and interpreters ..	7,500 00	
Clerks, deputy clerks, and assistant clerks.....	38,500 00	
Thirteen attendants, at \$1,200 each.....	15,600 00	
	<hr/>	\$116,600 00

(The Court of General Sessions and Oyer  
and Terminer.)

Clerk.....	\$7,000 00	
Deputy clerk.....	5,000 00	
Assistant clerk.....	3,000 00	
Two additional deputy clerks, one at \$2,500 and one at \$1,200. ..	3,700 00	
Stenographer.....	2,500 00	
Additional stenographer.....	2,000 00	
Interpreter.....	2,500 00	
Additional interpreter.....	1,200 00	
Thirty-six attendants, at \$1,200 each..	43,200 00	
	<hr/>	70,100 00

## (The Court of Special Sessions.)

Clerk.....	\$6,000 00	
Deputy clerk.....	5,000 00	
Stenographer.....	2,500 00	
Interpreter .....	2,000 00	
Three subpoena servers at \$2,000 each.....	6,000 00	
Messenger.....	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	23,000 00

(The County Clerk's Office.)  
County clerk, deputies, assistants,  
clerks and messenger..... 40,725 00

(The Surrogate's Office.)  
The Surrogate ..... \$12,000 00  
Chief clerk, clerks, assistants,  
stenographers, attendants, and  
messenger..... 42,000 00  
----- 54,000 00

(The District Attorney's Office.)  
The District Attorney..... \$12,000 00  
Assistants, clerks, stenographers,  
and messenger..... 55,600 00  
----- 67,600 00

(The Recorder's Office.)  
The Recorder.....,..... \$12,000 00

(The City Judge's Office.)  
The City Judge..... 12,000 00

(Judge of the Court of General Sessions.)  
The Judge of the Court of General Sessions.. \$12,000 00

(The Commissioner of Jurors.)  
Salary of the Commissioner, in  
accordance with the opinion of  
the Corporation Counsel..... 15,000 00  
For deficiency in fines and penal-  
ties collected in 1878, requir-  
ed to pay part of the salaries  
of assistants, clerks, etc., in  
1878..... 4,659 87  
----- 19,659 87

----- \$865,484 87

ASYLUMS, REFORMATORIES AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS:

(Chapter 739, Laws of 1867.)

For furnishing clothing for twelve inmates from  
New York County, at \$30 each..... \$360 00

AMERICAN FEMALE GUARDIAN SOCIETY AND HOME FOR  
THE FRIENDLESS:

(Chapter 754, Laws of 1872)..... 25,000 00

**CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY :**

(Chapter 70, Laws of 1865.)..	\$10,000 00	
(Chapter 163, Laws of 1867.)..	30,000 00	
(Chapter 180, Laws of 1871.)..	30,000 00	
	<hr/>	70,000 00

**CHILDREN'S FOLD OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK:**

(Chapter 506, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 48, at \$2 each per week .....	4,992 00
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**FOUNDLING ASYLUM, UNDER CHARGE OF THE SISTERS  
OF CHARITY:**

(Chapter 635, Laws of 1872.)

(Chapter 644, Laws of 1874.)

(Chapter 43, Laws of 1877.)

Estimated average number of in- mates 1,575, at 38 cents per day each .....	\$218,452 50	
Estimated number of homeless or needy mothers nursing their own infants, 75, at \$18 each per month .....	16,200 00	
	<hr/>	234,652 50

**HEBREW BENEVOLENT AND ORPHAN ASYLUM SOCIETY:**

(Chapter 230, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of inmates 295, at \$110 each per annum .....	\$32,450 00
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**HUDSON RIVER STATE HOSPITAL:**

(Chapter 446, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 3, at \$4.50 per week each and expenses .....	780 00
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**INSTITUTION FOR IMPROVED INSTRUCTION OF DEAF  
MUTES:**

(Chapter 725, Laws of 1867.)

(Chapter 180, Laws of 1870.)

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1875.)

For education and support of 35 county pupils, at \$300 each .....	\$10,500 00	
For clothing of 15 State pupils, at \$80 each .....	450 00	
	<hr/>	10,950 00

**STITUTION FOR THE BLIND:**

(Chapter 166, Laws of 1870.)

For clothing 125 pupils, at \$50 each..... 6,250 00

**LE COUTEULX ST. MARY'S INSTITUTION FOR THE IMPROVED INSTRUCTION OF DEAF MUTES IN BUFFALO, N. Y.:**

(Chapter 548, Laws of 1871.)

For education and support of 2 County

pupils, at \$300 each..... \$600 00

For clothing of 1 State pupil..... 80 00

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680 00**NEW YORK CATHOLIC PROTECTOR:**

(Chapter 647, Laws of 1866.)

(Chapter 428, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 2,150,

at \$110 each per annum..... 236,500 00

**NEW YORK INFANT ASYLUM:**

(Chapter 263, Laws of 1872.)

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1876.)

(Chapter 90, Laws of 1877.)

Estimated average number of chil-

dren 175, at 38 cents per day

each..... \$24,272 50

Estimated number of obstetrical

cases, 80, at \$25 each..... \$2,000 00

Estimated number of homeless or

needy mothers nursing their own

infants, 40, at \$18 each per

month..... 8,640 00

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\$34,912 50**NEW YORK INFIRMARY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN:**

(Chapter 101, Laws of 1877.)

Estimated number of obstetrical cases

80, at \$25 each..... \$2,000 00

Estimated average number of home-

less and needy mothers nursing

their own infants, 3, at \$18 each

per month..... 648 00

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2,648 00

**NEW YORK JUVENILE ASYLUM:**

(Chapter 245, Laws of 1866.)

Estimated number of inmates, 750, at \$110 per annum each.....	82,500 00
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**NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB:**

(Chapter 325, Laws of 1863.)

(Chapter 386, Laws of 1864.)

(Chapter 721, Laws of 1867.)

(Chapter 253, Laws of 1874.)

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1875.)

For furnishing clothing for 100

State pupils, at \$30 each..... \$3,000 00

For education and support of 58

County pupils, at \$300 each..... 17,400 00

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20,400 00
**NEW YORK MAGDALEN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY:**

(Chapter 409, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 36, at \$110 per year each .....	3,960 00
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**NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF THE RUPTURED AND CRIPPLED:**

(Chapter 835, Laws of 1872.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 175, at

\$150 per annum each.....	\$26,250 00
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**NEW YORK STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM:**

(Chapter 135, Laws of 1842.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 2, at

\$250 per annum each.....	500 00
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**NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL:**

(Chapter 650, Laws of 1866.)

(Chapter 366, Laws of 1869.)

(Chapter 643, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated average number of chil-

dren, 465, at \$120 per annum

each.....	\$55,800 00
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Estimated average number of lying- in women, 170, at \$260 per annum each.....	44,200 00	
	<hr/>	100,000 00

**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL HOUSE OF MERCY :**

(Chapter 409, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 28, at \$110 per annum each.....	3,080 00
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**ROMAN CATHOLIC HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD :**

(Chapter 409, Laws of 1867.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 116, at \$110 per annum each.....	12,760 00
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**ST. JOSEPH'S IMPROVED INSTITUTE FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF DEAF MUTES :**

(Chapter 213, Laws of 1875.)

(Chapter 378, Laws of 1877.)

For education and support of 40 County pupils, at \$300 per annum each.....	\$12,000 00	
For clothing of 24 State pupils at \$30 each.....	720 00	
	<hr/>	12,720 00

**STATE ASYLUM FOR INSANE CRIMINALS AT AUBURN :**

(Chapter 895, Laws of 1869.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 5, at \$4 each per week and clothing.....	\$1,165 00
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**STATE HOMŒOPATHIC ASYLUM FOR THE  
INSANE :**

(Chapter 446, Laws of 1874.)

Estimated number of inmates, 4, at \$4.50 per week each and clothing.....	1,040 00
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## UNION HOME AND SCHOOL FOR EDUCATION OF CHILDREN

## OF VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS :

(Chapter 309, Laws of 1870.)

(Chapter 583, Laws of 1871.)

(Chapter 143, Laws of 1873.)

Estimated average number of inmates, 70, at

\$150 each per annum..... 10,500 00

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\$935,000 00

Total appropriations ..... \$30,007,097 20

Deduct amount of estimated revenues of the General Fund not

otherwise specifically appropriated by law..... 2,500,000 00

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Amount of Final Estimate..... \$27,507,097 20

Twenty-seven million, five hundred and seven thousand, and ninety-seven dollars and twenty cents.

Dated New York City, Mayor's Office, December 31, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,

*Mayor.*

JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller,*

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,

*President of the Board of Aldermen.*

JOHN WHEELER,

*President of the Department of Taxes  
and Assessments.*

## BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and adopt said Final Estimate for 1879.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman),  
the Comptroller of the City of New York, the  
President of the Board of Aldermen, and the  
President of the Department of Taxes and Assess-  
ments—4.*

In connection with the Final Estimate for 1879, the Comptroller presented the following statement :

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR 1878,  
THE APPROPRIATIONS ASKED FOR BY THE DEPARTMENTS, AND  
THE APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR 1879.**

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR 1878.	APPROPRIATIONS ASKED FOR BY DEPARTMENTS FOR 1879.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR 1879.
The Common Council.....	\$107,500 00	\$114,500 00	\$118,250 00
The Mayoralty.....	46,000 00	42,000 00	46,000 00
The Department of Finance....	225,000 00	252,500 00	252,500 00
State Taxes. ....	3,911,326 66	3,751,062 19	3,751,062 19
Interest on the City Debt.....	9,164,383 65	8,790,153 84	8,790,153 84
Redemption of the the City Debt.....	1,155,297 66	1,165,599 54	1,164,446 30
Armories and Drill-rooms— Rents.....	69,037 50	62,250 00	62,250 00
Judgments and Claims.....	300,000 00	400,000 00	450,000 00
Rents—(Leases in Force).....	70,175 00	61,200 00	61,200 00
The Law Department.....	148,000 00	143,000 00	155,500 00
The Department of Public Works.....	1,611,100 00	1,796,500 00	1,576,860 00
The Department of Public Parks.....	341,000 00	667,920 00	479,000 00
The Department of Buildings..	70,000 00	75,000 00	71,500 00
The Department of Public Char- ities and Correction.....	1,160,000 00	1,355,541 00	1,257,000 00
The Health Department ..	190,000 00	218,416 00	190,000 00
The Police Department.....	3,999,895 00	4,116,611 00	4,048,100 00
The Fire Department.....	1,220,870 00	1,291,842 50	1,254,970 00
The Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	108,900 00	106,800 00	107,900 00
The Board of Education.....	3,400,000 00	3,584,000 00	3,400,000 00
The College of the City of New York.....	135,000 00	140,000 00	140,000 00
Advertising, Printing, Station- ery, and Blank Books.....	133,000 00	164,200 00	137,200 00
Salaries—City Courts.....	329,800 00	336,400 00	329,800 00
Salaries—Judiciary.....	853,225 00	864,025 00	865,484 87
Coroners' Fees.....	70,000 00	80,000 00	70,000 00
Sheriff's Fees.....	30,000 00	40,000 00	40,000 00
Election Expenses.....	135,000 00	143,500 00	135,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	170,726 15	92,870 00	117,920 00
Asylums, Reformatories and Charitable Institutions.....	948,840 50	1,120,181 50	935,000 00
Total.....	\$30,104,077 12	\$30,976,072 57	\$30,007,097 20

Which was placed on filed.



tery," is considered too large an increase for this object, and \$9,500 is added to the appropriation for "Free Floating Baths," for the purpose of providing for the construction and maintenance of a bath at the Battery.

3. The reduction of the appropriation for "Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues," from \$3,000 to \$1,500 is overruled, for the reason that the Commissioner of Public Works states that a larger appropriation is necessary, and the sum of \$2,000 is allowed under the head of "Salaries—Department of Public Works," to pay Inspectors of Incumbrances, and \$1,500 is allowed for the expense of removing incumbrances from the streets.

4. The increase of the appropriation for "Repaving Streets and Avenues," under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875, from \$300,000 to \$500,000, is overruled, because it is believed that the former sum is a sufficient amount to expend for this purpose in any one year.

5. The increase of the appropriation made to the Department of Public Charities and Correction for "Support of Out-door Poor," from \$40,000 to \$60,000, is overruled, because the provision for aiding and assisting the poor of all classes, in this City is so extensive and thorough, by the various charitable and benevolent institutions, and the appropriations made to them in pursuance of law, from annual taxes and Excise moneys, are for so large an amount that it is not deemed necessary to increase the appropriation for this purpose.

6. The addition of \$129,920 to the Department of Public Parks, for "Repairing and reflagging walks in and around the City Hall Park and other City Parks," is overruled as an excessive expenditure for this purpose, and an appro-



of new Station-house for Sixth Precinct Police," \$50,000, and for "Building new Station-house for Twenty-eighth Precinct Police," \$40,000, is overruled, and an appropriation of \$60,000 is made for the purpose of building and completing two new Station-houses, one of which shall be in the Sixth Ward.

12. The reduction of the appropriation made to the Department of Public Works for "Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stopcocks, etc.," from \$75,000 to \$50,000, is overruled, and the sum of \$62,500 is appropriated for the purpose, exclusive of salaries, because 'the Commissioner of Public Works states that at least that amount is necessary for the purpose.

13. The addition to the appropriation to the Police Department of "Pay for 100 Additional Policemen," is overruled, as an increase in the expenditure for the service which should not be incurred at this time, and may, in the interest of the public, be dispensed with.

The CHAIRMAN put the question, whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

*Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.*

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER,  
Secretary.



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